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CHEN KUNG-PO'S VISIT TO HANOI

Sent To Wang On "Appeasement Mission?"

NATIONAL REBIRTH DAY

Chungking, To-day.
Yesterday was celebrated as a national holiday on the occasion of "National Rebirth Day," marking the anniversary of General Chiang Kai-shek's safe return from Sian following his kidnapping in 1936.

The city streets were beflagged and thousands of girls sold flowers, newspapers and magazines for the benefit of the Government's war fund.—Reuter.

CHINESE TAKE OFFENSIVE IN N. HUNAN

Chungking, To-day.

Chinese forces are taking the offensive both in Kwangtung and North Hunan.

Military advices from Kwangtung that the Chinese converging on Tsengshing, 35 miles of the northeast of Canton, have reached the outskirts, and occupied a strategic height outside the east gate overlooking the city.

In norther Hunan, the Chinese are closing in on Yoyang, on the Canton-Hankow Railway. Yungchiawan and Matang, nine miles south, have both been retaken. Vanguard has reached Nantsinkang in the immediate neighbourhood of Yoyang city.

The Japanese in Yoyang are reported to have transporting military supplies to Chenglingki, five miles north of Yoyang, lest they should be captured.—Central News

PUPPET INCREASE IN CUSTOMS DUTIES

Chungking, To-day.

A message from Tientsin states that the bogus government in Peiping has ordered all Customs houses in North China to increase import duties on over ninety items, including piece goods, tobacco,

NO BELIEF IN WANG CHING-WEI "PEACE EFFORT"

Shanghai, To-day.

Conflicting rumours continue to circulate regarding the destination as well as the purpose of Wang Ching-wei's trip.

Asked by Trans-Ocean whether the report that Wang Ching-wei would be coming to Hong Kong with peace or truce proposals was correct, a Japanese Embassy official stated that no information to that effect had been received in official quarters.

The report that Mr. Chen Kung-po has also proceeded to Hanoi to interview Mr. Wang is, however, interpreted in some quarters as partial confirmation of the rumours of disagreement with the Generalissimo. It is surmised that Mr. Chen Kung-po is on a mission of appeasement.

The Japanese spokesman in Shanghai declined to pass any comment on the question of whether the Japanese would be willing to conduct peace or truce talks with Wang Ching-wei. He did not feel competent to express himself on an issue of such magnitude, he declared.—Trans-Ocean.

Shanghai, To-day.

It is reported in one of the Chinese newspapers here that Mr. Wang Ching-wei, has been entrusted with a special mission to proceed abroad in order to obtain further assistance for China.

According to this report he will proceed first of all to Paris and will afterwards visit Berlin, London and Rome.

The Chinese paper denies, however, that there is any connection between Mr. Wang Ching-wei's journey and the recent peace proposals made by the Japanese Premier, Prince Konoye.

As already reported the South Western Economic Reconstruction Commission will be established on January 1 at Chungking.

According to the Chinese paper "Standard," the chairman will be Dr. Kung, President of the Executive Yuan and Minister of Finance,

leading and photo supplies, beginning from January 1st.—Central News.

UKRAINIANS IN U.S. PASS RESOLUTION

New York, To-day.

A resolution demanding complete independence of the Ukraine and promising assistance to that end of Ukrainians living in the United States, was passed at the annual congress of Ukrainian societies in America held in Jersey City.

This Ukrainian state, declares the resolution, must be formed from Ukrainian territories and incorporated in Soviet Russia, Poland and Rumania.

A second resolution passed by the Congress repudiates the assertion that the Ukrainian independence movement is supported by Germany.

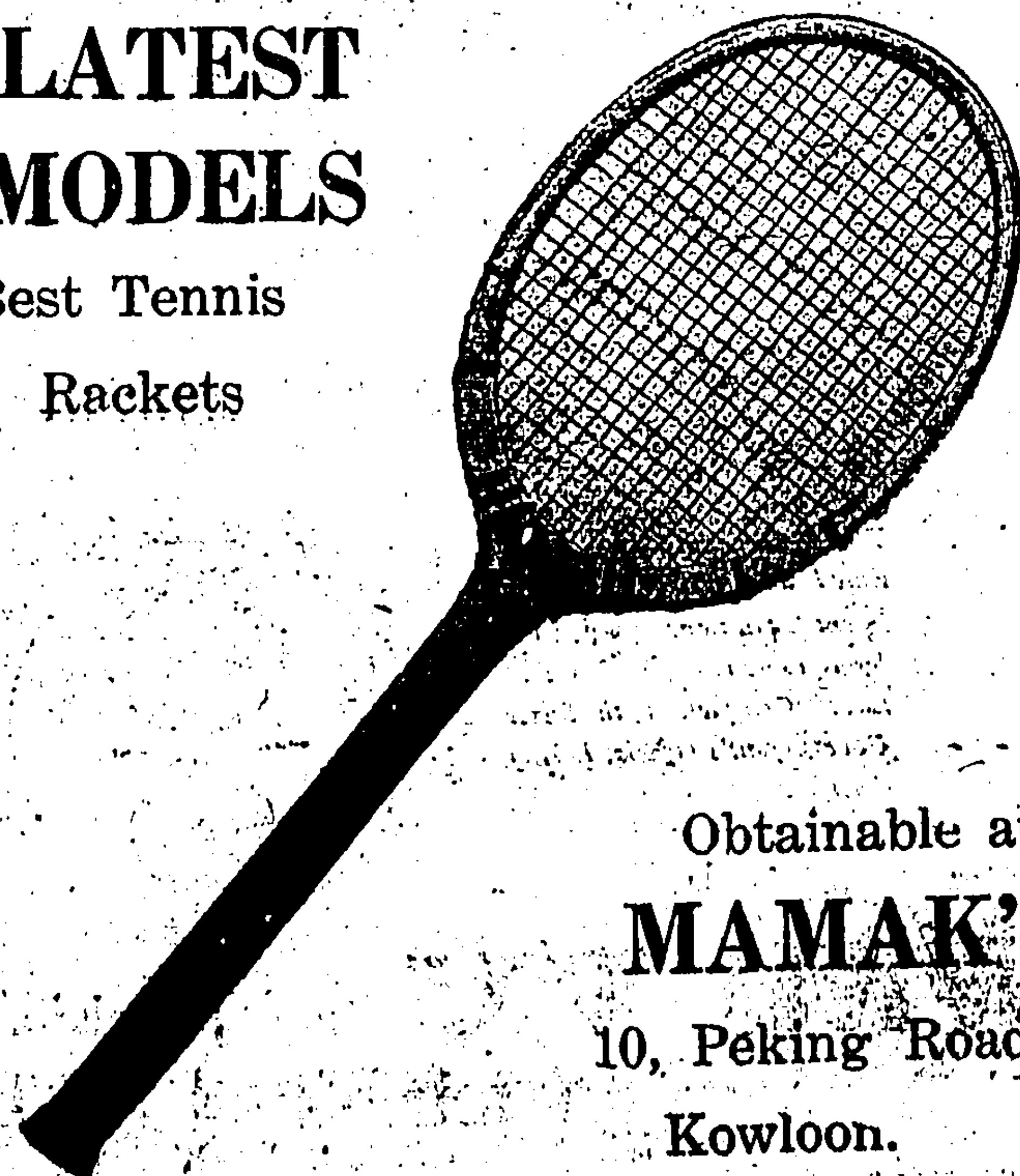
Support for the seven and half million Ukrainians living in Poland was promised by the congress.—Trans-Ocean.

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"THE Nazi Party stands for positive Christianity, but does not bind itself in creed to any particular confession. We demand freedom for all religious denominations in the State, provided that they do not threaten its security nor militate against the moral feelings of the German Race." — No. 24, the Nazi Twenty-five Unalterable Commandments, 1920.

"Hitler is lonely. So is God. Hitler is like God." — Dr. Hans Frank, Director of Nazi Party Legal Office, 1934.

Hitler is a Roman Catholic. It is many years, however, since he went to Mass. Hitler has other uses for organised religion.

Hitler notes the violent revolt against the Churches and their dogma. In general Mein Kampf deplores that movement, for "without dogmatic principles religious belief is inconceivable in this world of humanity. The mass of the nation do not consist of philosophers; faith for them is very largely the sole basis for a moral view of life. What ordinary customs is for everyday life — and without it thousands of men of superior culture would live reasonably well but millions of others would not — the Law is for the State and Dogma is for religion."

So Hitler argues the need for the organised Church, on exactly the same grounds that Napoleon concluded his Concordat with the Pope (and Mussolini his Concordat), to inculcate ideas of order and obedience.

Hitler then tells the Churches how to manage their business. Their chief worry should not be those who flatly oppose them from conviction, but the far greater number who have deserted them out of sheer indifference. But what are the Churches, Roman Catholic and Protestant, doing in this situation? Both of them are maintaining missions in Africa and Asia to attract a few negro converts there — in which they are thoroughly well outstripped by the Mohammedans — and in any case all the time they are losing millions of Germans in Europe. They

are trying to fill a bucket with a hole in the bottom.

A man of politics, however, must try to weigh up the value of a religion not so much on account of its merits or demerits, but by deciding what else would serve the purpose better. And until the substitute is ready only fools and criminals will destroy what is already working.

CATHOLICS BETRAYED GERMANIC PRINCIPLES

Now in old Austro-Hungaria, where Hitler formed his ideas, the Roman Catholic Church played a role that called forth his positive condemnation.

Too many priests had a finger in politics and the wrong politics at that. The Roman Church backed the Habsburg Monarchy in its policy of trying to create a mid-European Catholic Slav State as a set-off to the Russian Orthodox Slav State. This was a pure betrayal of the true Germanic policy of reuniting all the German peoples in one Greater Reich.

Where the Church was not openly pro-Slav it was passively so. Thus while the Czech clergy in Bohemia never ceased from their Slav propaganda the German clergy declined to take up a national attitude of their own.

The result? That Pan-German movement arose in Austria. For the first time men of national and patriotic fervour turned into rebels against the State authority — and against the Church authority.

The Habsburg dynasty lost the throne. Rome lost a great State.

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Protestantism represents the German ideas better than Catholicism.

After all, in origin it was a national revolt against an international creed. Protestantism is rooted in the German soil and tradition where it first succeeded in establishing itself. Martin Luther, who defied Pope and Emperor, stands high in the Nazi hierarchy of heroes.

Thus Protestantism will always

symbolise German character, German language, and German independence. But Protestantism refuses to save the nation from the grip of the Jews (though Martin Luther often let go on the subject, good man that he was). That is because of the traditional attitude of Protestantism. But just this point is the very crux of the re-birth of Germany, and without its solution nothing whatever will be achieved.

PROTESTANTS BLINDLY TOLERATE THE JEW

What is it, demands Hitler, that blinds both the Protestant and the Catholic creed when they come to deal with the Jew? Cannot they see that this creature is the enemy of Christianity, civilisation and the human race? Yet they take up an attitude of tolerance towards him which conforms with neither the needs nor the interests of the nation. "Why, every Jew himself can teach them the proper way to tackle matters! Just look at the stand which the Jewish Rabbi takes up in all questions which affect the Jew and compare that with the attitude of our so-called German clergy towards the German race!"

Neither the Pan-German Party, nor the Christian Socialist Party of old Austria-Hungary grasped the central fact that the Jew's religion is only another facet of the Jew's race — it would be more truthful to say a cloak for it.

They may even have helped the Jews! For while their sham anti-Semitism held the field, the real antagonism to the Jewish menace could not be developed. No doubt the Jews were thankful. They kept their grip on Austro-Hungary — or rather they shared it with the Czechs. Together, at all events, they succeeded in dragging down the whole fabric.

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In Germany the result of priests meddling in politics was the setting up of the so-called Catholic Party, a shameless piece of chicanery of trying to identify Christianity with a parliamentary faction.

But this was not the worst. The whole unimportant and unneces-

sary issue of "ultra montanism" was thus established in Germany to bedevil still further the complicated political situation.

Now France, Spain and Italy can afford to have this quarrel — shall the clerical authority have power to do this or that? Germany would break up if the thing was allowed to grow there.

But surely everyone sees, Protestant and Catholic alike, who is at the back of this plot? The Jew! "And the Jew has certainly succeeded in his aim: he is delighted at seeing Catholics and Protestants fighting each other. The Enemy of Aryan humanity and of all Christendom laughs in his sleeve. The two Christian Churches are looking with indifference on this pollution and destruction of a noble and unique thing, granted by God's grace to this earth. The two confessions are fighting each other when the whole issue is, not should Protestant or Catholic triumph, but

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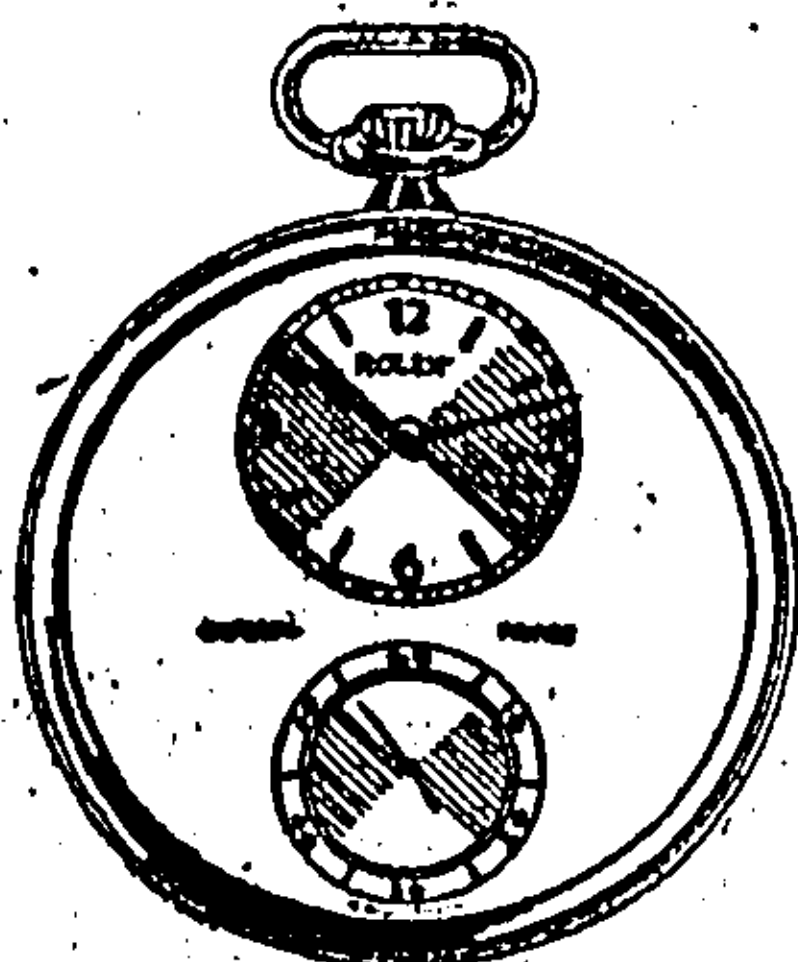


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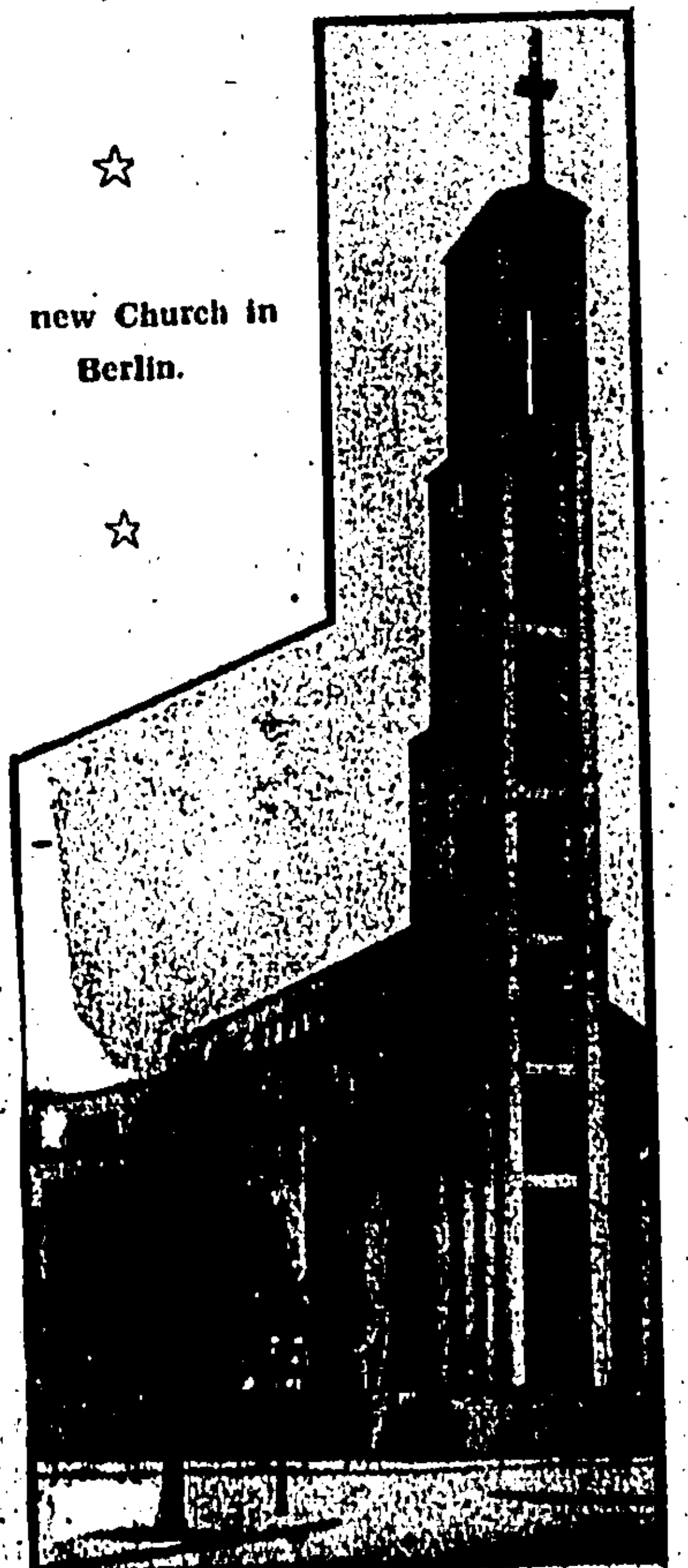
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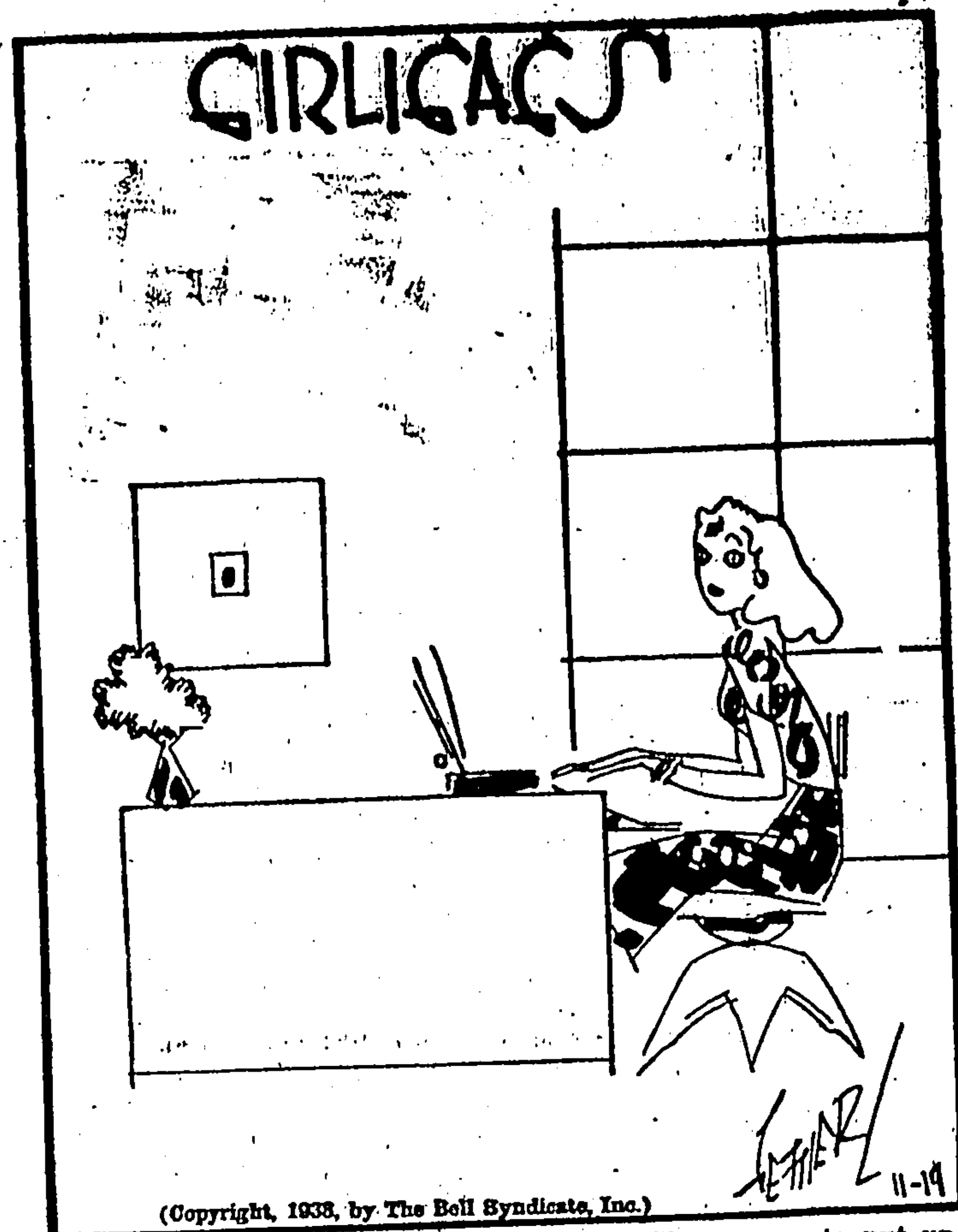
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What The Stars Foretell

(By MARY BLAKE)

The physical reaction of the average person, due to having subjected himself to an unusual amount of activity during the past few days, may result in a display of impatience and temper this day. Watch your disposition carefully, if you would avoid feeling irritable. Many meritorious ideas presented this day, will be worthy of considerable attention, particularly those that might have a bearing on money-making possibilities. Failure to listen to details of the advantages of a variety of business offer-

ings, will result in the loss of many profitable opportunities. An inclination to take hasty dislikes to both individuals and suggestions, will be responsible for a good deal of poor judgment, both in domestic and commercial circles. Married and engaged couples, as well as those enraptured by someone's personal charms, must deal in facts and not fiction this day, to avoid trouble.

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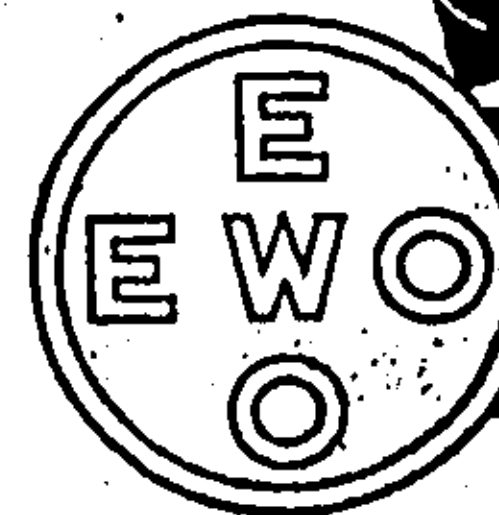
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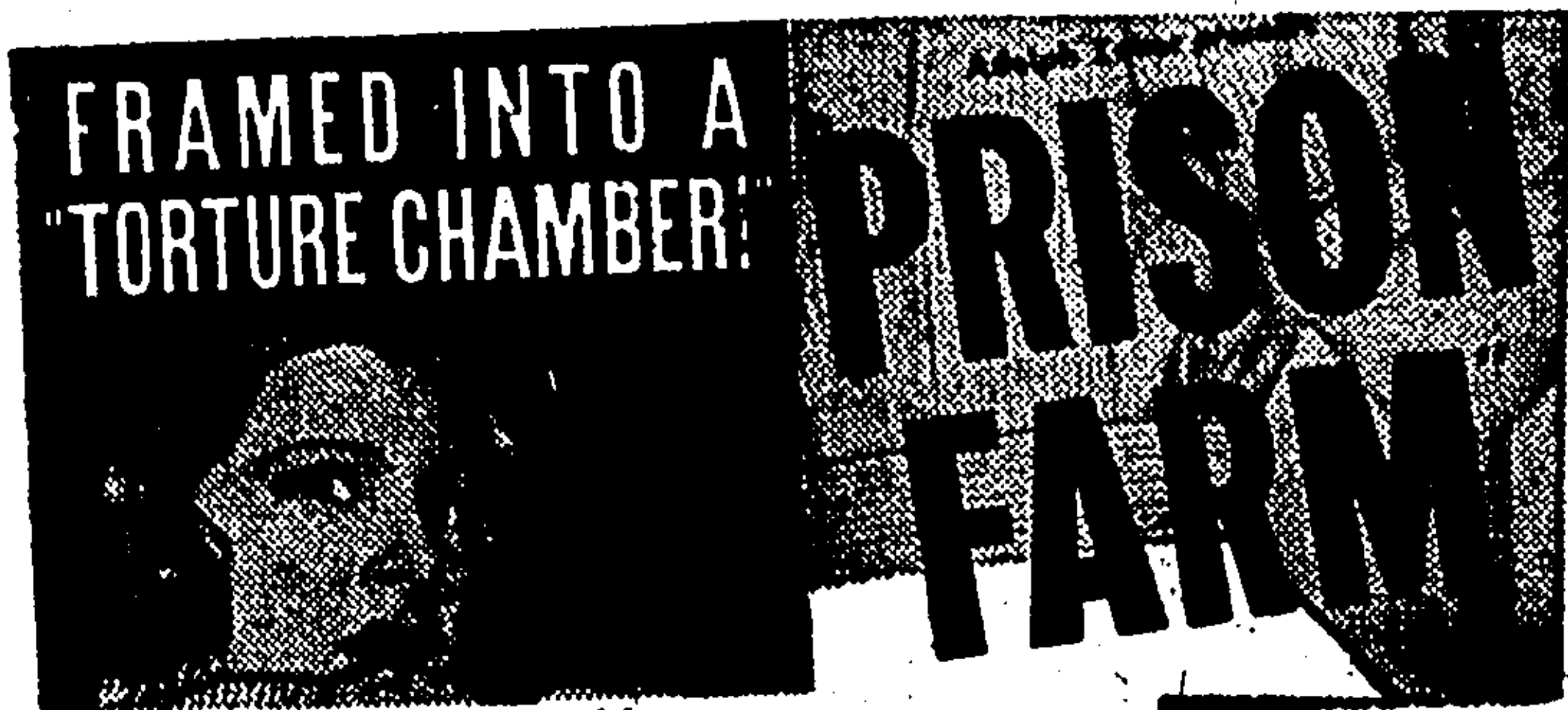
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DIET OPENED IN TOKYO ON BOXING DAY: THE IMPERIAL RESCRIPT

Tokyo, To-day.

The Emperor opened the seventy-fourth session of the Diet yesterday morning.

An Imperial Rescript says: "We deeply appreciate that the Empire's relations with its friendly powers are growing in amity and our officers and men have conquered and pacified important areas in China by overcoming great difficulties.

"However, in order to establish a new order in East Asia, and secure permanent peace in East Asia, it is necessary that national spirit should be elevated and the unified strength of the nation displayed . . . we have ordered the State Minister to present to the Diet the 1939 Budget Estimate and special military Budgets with various legislative measures.

"It is expected of you that you will deliberate these measures and approve them by taking into consideration the gravity of the present situation."—Reuter.

FRANCO CLAIMS SUCCESSSES: LOYALIST CONTRADICTION

Burgos, To-day.

A war bulletin issued by the Nationalist headquarters states that the troops are making great progress on the Catalan front, where they have reached all the objectives set them.

In the northern sector, the troops advanced ten kilometres, capturing the villages of Garossa de la Gavillas, Aspa and Almatret. In the southern sector, the advance was three kilometres.

At nightfall, the front line in this sector was two kilometres beyond Llardgeans and the guns of the Nationalist artillery command the route from Geanadella to Wals thus effectively closing traffic on the only road still open for the provisioning of the Republican Army.

The Loyalist Defence Ministry has issued a bulletin stating that Republican troops had repulsed all enemy attacks in the sector of Tremp. The enemy, whose forces were strongly supported by aeroplanes, are said to have sustained heavy losses and have made no progress.

Italians were particularly active in the Segre sector and despite valiant resistance, they succeeded in capturing Almatret. On the other hand the Nationalist attacks on Alfe and Aspa were repulsed with heavy loss.

On the Estremadura front, the Republican troops repulsed the enemy attack in the sector of Cabeza del Buey. Nothing new is reported from other fronts. — Trans-Ocean.

BOXING DAY HOME SOCCER RESULTS

MANY POSTPONED.
MATCHES

FIRST DIVISION

*Arsenal	v	Charlton	
Birmingham	2	Middlesbro'	1
Blackpool	1	Huddersfield	1
*Bolton	v	Preston	
*Brentford	v	Portsmouth	
Everton	2	Derby	2
Grimsby	2	Wolves	4
Leeds	1	Chelsea	1
Manchester U.	3	Leicester	0
Stoke	3	Liverpool	1
Sunderland	1	Aston Villa	5

SECOND DIVISION

Blackburn	1	Bury	0
Bradford	0	Chesterfield	0
Burnley	1	Tottenham	0
Coventry	1	Plymouth	2
*Fulham	v	Wednesday	
*Millwall	v	West Ham	
*Norwich	v	Newcastle	
Notts F.	2	Luton	4
Sheffield U.	5	Southampton	1
Tranmere	3	Manchester C.	9
*West Brom.	v	Swansea	

THIRD DIVISION (SOUTH)

*Bournemouth	v	Bristol R.	
Bristol C.	2	Brighton	0
Cardiff	1	Queen's P.R.	0
*Clapton	v	Torquay	
Crystal P.	3	Aldershot	0
Ipswich	5	Mansfield	1
Northampton	2	Port Vale	0
Reading	1	Walsall	1
*Southend	v	Exeter	
Swindon	8	Newport	0
Watford	0	Notts C.	1

THIRD DIVISION (NORTH)

Barnsley	4	Accrington	1
Barrow	2	Bradford C.	1
Doncaster	1	Rotherham	1
Gateshead	0	Darlington	2
Halifax	2	Lincoln	0
Hartlepool	2	Chester	5
Hull	3	New Brighton	0
*Oldham	0	Stockport	1
Southport	4	Rochdale	1
Wrexham	2	Carlisle	5
York	4	Crewe	1

SCOTTISH LEAGUE

Clyde	2	Falkirk	4
Rangers	3	St. Mirren	0

* Postponed.
† abandoned after 63 minutes owing to fog.—Reuter.

GREAT BRITAIN TO GIVE "TOKEN" ARMY TO FRANCE

The new British Expeditionary Force promised by the Premier and Lord Halifax to the French will be a "token army," writes our military correspondent.

How big will it be, and what will it consist of? I put these questions to leading military authorities.

Two divisions of the Regular Army and thirteen divisions of Territorials were the first figures mentioned. (A division usually consists of about 12,000 men).

"I think we can do better than two Regular Divisions," said one authority.

MECHANISED UNITS

"But the effectiveness of an expeditionary force in modern warfare depends entirely on its composition. The French can muster 80 to 100 Infantry Divisions. Two infantry divisions from Britain would be a drop in the ocean. But only four French Divisions are mechanised, and if we sent two mechanised divisions it would certainly make a difference.

"Much depends on where they would be wanted. A British Expeditionary Force used to help the French against a German attack would be of no great value.

"A British Expeditionary Force in Belgium or in Holland—where it might well be wanted—would be useful. It would be even more effective in the South of France, where the Franco-Mussolini threat to the French frontier is partly our own Government's responsibility."

Military experts agree that warfare of the 1938 pattern, with a highly mechanised army as its ideal weapon brings Lord Haldane's conception of a British Expeditionary Force into the region of practical strategy.

Considerations to be weighed, however, are that the sending of an Expeditionary Force would create a line of communications needing air and naval defence, and would diminish the effectiveness of these other two arms.

But, it was generally agreed that a "token" army will have to be sent for the sake of its psychological effect on the French, who are very properly alarmed by the loss of the 35 Divisions of the Czech Army.

THE NEW STRATEGY

The decision to agree in principle to a new B.E.F. on the continent means an almost complete revision of the General Staff's attitude to the probable strategy of a future war.

It is to be assumed that most of the five anti-aircraft divisions of the Territorial Army would be retained in the United Kingdom. This would leave, when present re-organisation is completed, 12 Territorial Field Divisions, which are now looked upon as possible re-inforcements for the Regular Army.

The present strength of the T.A. is 194,000.

Current Territorial Army Regulations state that every officer and man

is liable for service abroad, though, unless he volunteers, he will not actually be sent overseas until an Act of Parliament permitting the dispatch of the Territorial Army has been passed.

THE NEAR EAST

On present plans the T. A. might be used for reinforcing the Regular Army in all fields—for example in the Near East where in the event of war, an expeditionary force would almost certainly be wanted, as well as in France, Belgium, or Holland.

The B.E.F. of 1914, consisting of four infantry and one cavalry division, was sent to France within ten days the outbreak of war.

Earlier this year Mr. Hore-Belisha stated: "From troops raised in this country under a voluntary system there could be mobilised, in an emergency for action in the field, or perhaps I should say in the various fields of our Imperial responsibility, over 500,000 soldiers."

AIR RAID WARNING HOAX IN CRISIS

Telephonist Sent
To Prison

JUDGE ON "WICKED" ACT

A Post Office telephonist, who admitted sending out an air raid warning of the approach of enemy aircraft during the crisis, was sentenced at Leeds Assizes to six months' imprisonment in the second division.

He is William Henry Wood, 26, of Leopold-street, Leeds, who pleaded guilty to effecting a public mischief.

Mr. Justice Lewis said to Wood:

"I consider that you not only did a mischievous thing, but an extremely wicked one.

"The most serious aspect of your offence, in my view, was the sending of such a message when the whole of England was in such a state of anxiety that you might have caused almost irreparable harm, and created a serious public panic."

SECRET CODE

Mr. H. B. Hylton-Foster, prosecuting, said that Wood was instructed about his duties in the event of an air raid, and was given a secret code to be used for the sending of such a message if it became necessary.

On Sept. 23, on leaving the Post Office late at night, he entered a call-box and sent a message in code to the Post Office intimating that enemy aircraft were approaching.

The result was that all 260 individual telephone calls were sent out, fire brigades throughout a large area in Yorkshire stood by, and police at 69 different points were kept on duty until it was discovered that the call was hoax. Almost as much work was necessitated to send out the cancellation.

Wood at first denied sending the message, but later said: "I do not know why I sent it, but I just thought I would."

Mr. G. Raymond Hinchcliffe, for Wood, said that it was difficult to give any satisfactory explanation of his conduct. It might be that he had been affected by the anxiety then prevailing. Wood desired to express his remorse.

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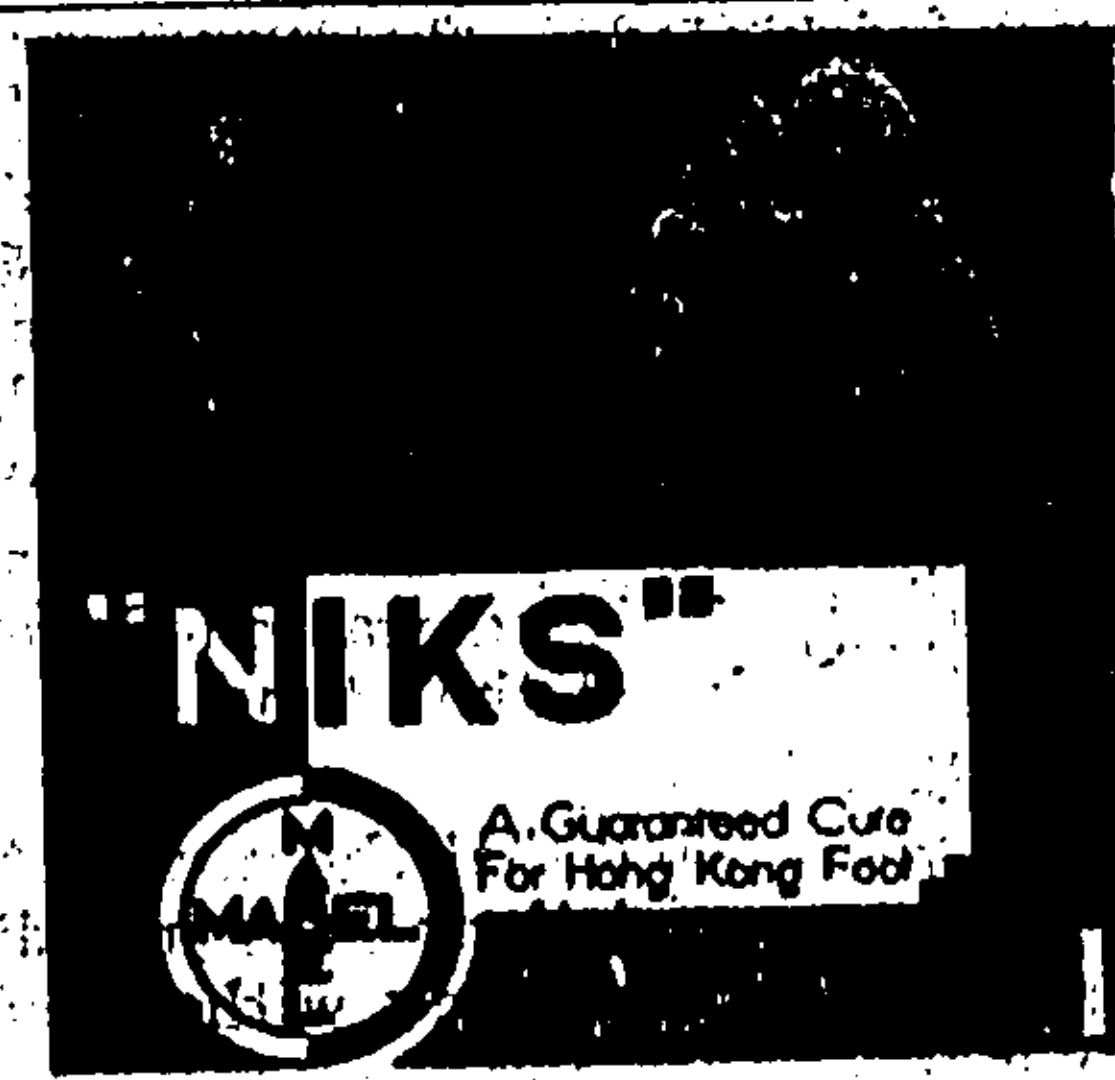
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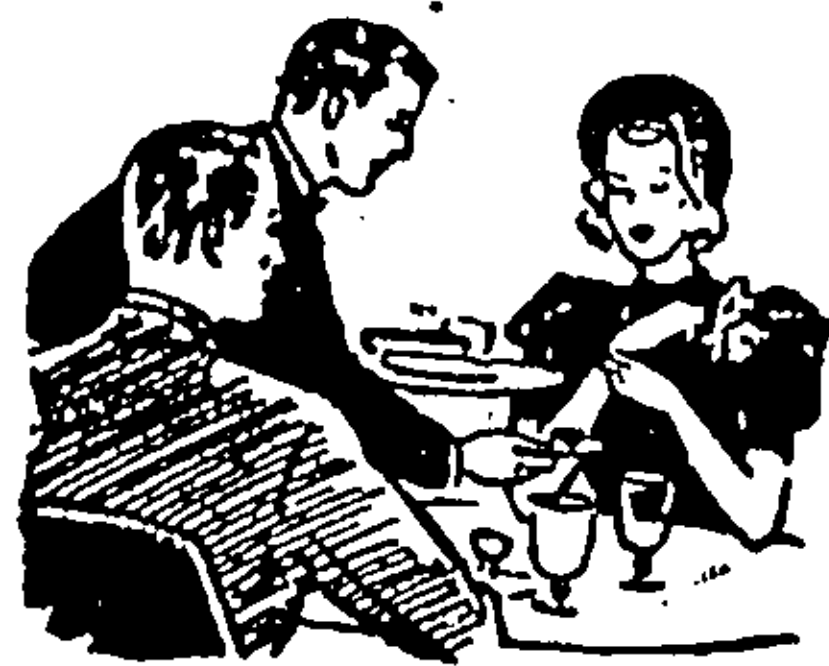
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CHINESE NATIONALIST LEADER CRITICISES COMMUNIST ACTIVITIES

Chungking, To-day.

In an open letter published by the Central Daily News, official organ of the Chinese Government, Chang Chun-mai, recognised leader of the Chinese Nationalist Party, bitterly attacks General Mao Tse-tung, head of the Chinese Community Party.

Mr. Chang's attack deals specially with the Communist special district in North Shensi, where the Communists make their own appointments and collect their own taxes.

The letter points out that if every political party in China should claim its own separate district, the Chinese nation would be seriously endangered.

Mr. Chang urges therefore that the Chinese Communists should hand over immediately the admin-

istration of North Shensi to the Central Government and the command of the Chinese Communist Army to the Generalissimo.

In conclusion, the Nationalist leader asks the Chinese Communists to "forget Marxism temporarily and devote your entire energy and efforts towards the national war of resistance."—Reuter.

ANOTHER PUPPET GROUP INSTALLED

Shanghai, To-day.

A Peace Maintenance Commission has been established at Wuchang as a branch of the Wuhan Commission which now covers the three cities of Wuchang, Hankow and Hanyang.

The ceremony, at which the commissioners were installed, took place at Wuchang which lies on the Yangtze, opposite Hankow and was attended by about a thousand Japanese and Chinese officials as well as representatives of the Japanese Army.—Trans-Ocean.

CAPT. EYSTON DID 37½ M.P.H.

Record Holder Trapped

Capt. George Eyston, holder of the world's motor speed record of 357 m.p.h., was fined 20s at Bow-street for exceeding the 30 m.p.h. speed limit on the Victoria Embankment.

A policeman said that Capt. Eyston was timed at 37½ m.p.h., and when stopped he said, "I know I was over 30. I thought one was allowed to get on with it."

Mr. A. Thomas, for the R.A.C., said that Capt. Eyston was at the Scottish Motor Show. He had written stating that he always drove with greatest caution. The thoroughfare was a wide one, and there was no one in sight. He was driving one of the latest types of car, fitted with the best of brakes.

Capt. Eyston added in his letter that he had only recently returned from America, and was on Government work at the time of the offence.

It was stated that there were two previous convictions for speeding and one for driving without due care.

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Europe, like Great Britain, enjoyed a traditional white Christmas, and celebrations were on a scale unaffected by the political tensions.

Germany suffered a shortage of various commodities which lend themselves to good cheer, but the celebration was none the less joyfully observed.

In the United States, unseasonably warm weather thawed out the countryside, but there were many casualties on the roads.

NO CHURCH SERVICE IN SOVIET RUSSIA

Moscow, To-day.

The Soviet Union again celebrated Christmas without any Church services, except those in Churches maintained by the Diplomatic Corps in Moscow.

Traditional Christmas celebrations of Imperial Russia have been completely abolished and even Christmas trees were strictly forbidden. The "Godless Movement" staged a large-scale demonstration on Christmas Sunday with placards with the motto "Religion is Opium for the People."

Similar demonstrations had been staged throughout the Soviet Union for two weeks.

60,000 ON LEAVE

London, To-day.

Christmas furloughs were granted to 60,000 members of the Royal Air Force.

The various military aerodromes were manned during the holidays only by a sufficient number of men to perform essential duties.

WHITE CHRISTMAS CELEBRATED IN FRANCE

Paris, To-day.

The white Christmas in France caused more people than usual to celebrate the festival instead of reserving themselves for the traditional New Year festivities.

Shops did a brisk trade in holly, mistletoe and Christmas trees.

The streets of Paris were snow-covered, and skis and sleighs appeared in the capital, in the Forest of Fontainebleau, and on the slopes near Enghien.

Hotels and winter sports resorts were crowded.

Soldiers manning the Maginot Line were regaled with traditional Christmas dinners in underground forts and rest camps.

The weather now seems to be turning warmer.—Reuter.

UNITED STATES GETS UNEXPECTED WARM WEATHER

New York, To-day.

The country was deprived of its traditional white Christmas by unseasonable warm weather marked by a heavy toll in life in fires, accidents and drownings. Traffic accidents alone caused no less than 263 deaths.

An extremely severe cold wave is now said to be on the way from Canada.—Reuter.

PARIS BLANKETED BY DEEP SNOW

Paris, To-day.

A deep blanket of snow covers the roofs and parks of Paris.

Merchants report an extremely good season despite the cold spell. Hundreds of thousands of oysters and tens of thousands of turkeys and geese were sold in the markets indicating that the somewhat clouded political situation failed to prevent the Frenchman and his family from enjoying a traditional Christmas.

Champagne corps popped in large and small restaurants, this sparkling beverage, so dear to the heart of every Frenchman having remained comparatively low in price in spite of increased taxes.—Trans-Ocean.

HITLER SPENDS XMAS IN SOLITUDE

Berlin, To-day.

Christmas in Germany was as white as a traditional German Christmas is expected to be.

Lighted Christmas trees were visible in almost every window.

Housewives struggled gamely to provide traditional Christmas fare in spite of the shortage of eggs, butter, nuts, almonds, oranges and other foods, and at concentration camps alone did Christmas pass without celebration.

Thousands spent the holidays skiing and skating.

Herr Hitler, after spending Christmas Eve with old party comrades at Munich, passed Christmas Day alone at Berchtesgaden.

Field-Marshal Goering and Herr von Ribbentrop, the Foreign Minister, were with their families at their country homes, while Dr. Goebbels, the Propaganda Minister, was abed with an internal chill. It is stated that he is improving and that there is no cause for anxiety.—Reuter.

DUKE AND DUCHESS OF WINDSOR ON RIVIERA

Paris, To-day.

The Duke and Duchess of Windsor spent as, in last year, Christmas on the French Riviera this time at their chateau at Cap d'Antibes. They had a party of twelve guests including Lord and Lady Brownlow, Mr. and Mrs. Merriman Roger, aunt of the duchess.—Trans-Ocean.

FRANCE REPLIES TO ITALY

Rome, To-day.

The French Ambassador handed Count Ciano the French note replying to Italy's recent note denouncing the Mussolini-Laval Agreement of 1935.

The contents of the reply are not yet known.—Reuter.

FRENCH REPLY TO ITALIAN DENUNCIATION

Paris, To-day.

Regarding the Cabinet Council discussion, it is stated that in its reply to the Italian Government, the French Cabinet adheres to the view that it cannot go beyond the territorial concessions made by the Agreement of 1935, but at the same time requests the Italian Government to say what it wants with greater precision.

The French Cabinet expressed to enter into negotiation with Italy on a basis compatible with the vital interests of France in the Mediterranean and Northern Africa.

It is affirmed that M. Bonnet informed the Cabinet that he had endeavoured to obtain the intervention of the Holy See to bring about a "Christmas Truce" between warring parties in Spain but that the efforts of the Vatican had, unfortunately, proved unsuccessful.—Trans-Ocean.

HORE-BELISHA ON THE "FRONTIER"

Paris, To-day.

Before leaving Paris for Alsace, where he is spending Christmas holidays, Mr. Hore-Belisha declared to a representative French news agency. "We in England are involved in a virtual revolution as regards the question of rearmament. Progress is being made in this field at an increasingly rapid rate. It has been said that the frontier of England lies on the Rhine but I say that the frontier of France lies on the Thames.—Trans-Ocean.

CANTON-HANKOW RAILWAY BOMBED

Canton, To-day.

The situation in Kwangtung remains unchanged, and no fighting is reported.

Yesterday Japanese aircraft, some 15 machines flew along the Canton-Hankow Line and bombed several towns including Ying Tak, where bombs killed and wounded 30 persons.—Our Own Correspondent.

MALAYA GIFT TO H.K. FUND

The donation of \$5,000 to the British Fund For Relief of Distress in China, Hong Kong Branch, which was ascribed to him in error in Saturday's subscription list, was, in fact, the generous gift of the Fuchew Overseas Chinese Relief Committee of Kuala Lumpur, Malaya, to whom an acknowledgement has been sent. The draft was made out by the Chairman in Sir Geoffrey Northcote's name and endorsed by him in favour of the Fund.

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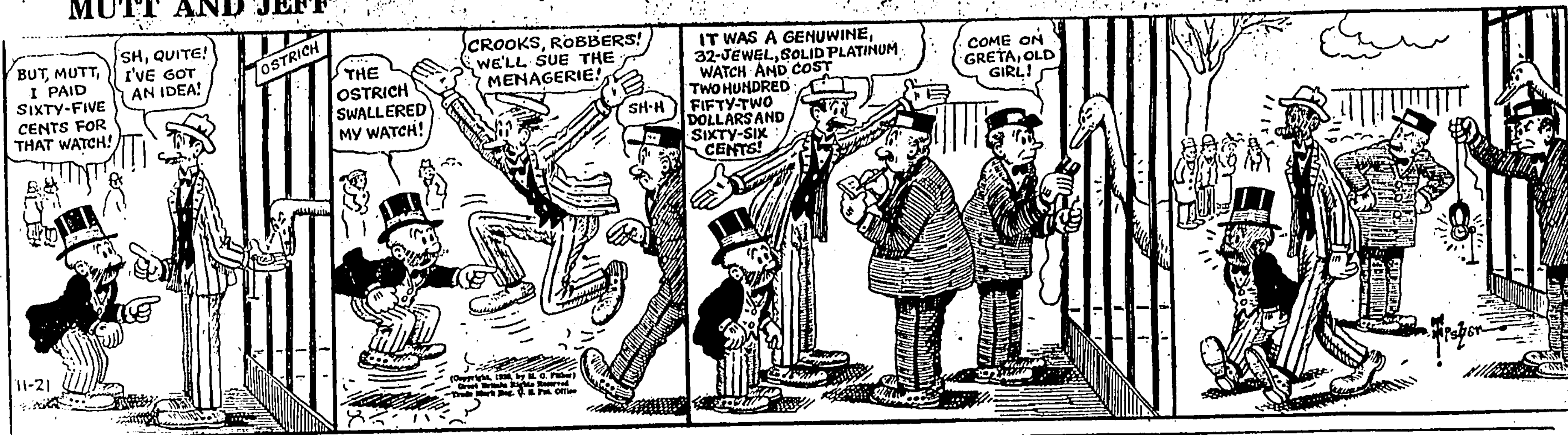
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THE DAILY SHORT STORY

WRONG ADVISE

EVERYONE in Oakham knew that Del Bradford's success could be attributed to nothing more than hard work. By the time he was twenty-eight, Del, as president of the Oakham Fish Cannery, was considered one of the town's richest citizens. He was respected and admired. He was pointed out to children as a model.

Del tried to be unassuming about it all. In a large measure he succeeded. But he advocated hard work as the most important requisite for success. He frowned on idlers. Hence he frowned on Sally Enders.

It was hard to frown on Sally Enders, for Sally was pretty and charming and had been the apple of Del's eye since childhood. Unfortunately she was the daughter of Oakham's wealthiest merchant. She attended finishing school, travelled abroad and returned to the old home town to drive about in a sport roadster, give socials, look maddeningly attractive — and arouse Del's ire.

No one knew just how Sally felt toward Del. But when one day she overheard the young cannery president making remarks about her being an ornament and unable to earn her own living, she suddenly decided to show Mr. Del Bradford a thing or two.

Forthwith the young lady announced with asperity that she was going to

Del chuckled. He'd be everlastingly grateful to Bill for this. He pictured Sally working eight hours a day as a clerk, and living on twenty-five dollars a week. How proud she'd be when she returned to Oakham and confronted him. It was all working out fine. Del decided that Sally, after all, was the girl whom he wanted to become Mrs. Bradford.

The weeks stretched into a month and Del began to get lonesome for Sally. It was nearing the time for her triumphant return and the fish cannery president was eagerly looking forward to that day.

It was about this time that Del received another report from Bill.

"Dear Del: 'Have raised Miss Enders' pay to thirty dollars. Don't know how I'll get along when she leaves. Believe me she's some worker, but anxious to get home.'"

This was indeed good news. Anxious to get home! That sounded fine. Del wondered if she'd be anxious to see him. And how she'd regard his proposal of marriage. Probably at first she'd act a little uppish about it, but that wouldn't last long. He chuckled. Work was all right, but to a girl like Sally, who was used to tearing around in roadsters and giving afternoon teas, it couldn't hold many charms. Nine

By Richard Hill Wilkinson

New York to earn her own living, just to prove that it could be done, for a period of two months. At first Del was amused; then he became alarmed. He saw that Sally was serious, and discovered at the same time that he would rather have her in Oakham as an ornament than in New York as a working girl.

Sally was stubborn. She set out one morning with fifteen dollars in her purse, and Del, discovering that she had actually gone despite his insistence that she was foolish, silly and unreasonable, and realising that he should have proposed marriage rather than hard work, immediately began to plan. He wrote a friend in New York as follows:

"Dear Bill: 'Sally Enders, who is a rich man's daughter, has gone to New York to prove to me that she can earn a living with her own hands. She is absolutely helpless. If your friendship means anything, look her up, give her a job in your office and refrain from letting her know that I had anything to do about it. I'll pay for any damages and trouble she might cause. Sally means a good deal to me.'"

Del waited anxiously for a reply. It came three days later.

"Dear Del: 'Have located Miss Enders. She is now employed as clerk in my office at twenty-three dollars a week, and doing fine. Have not mentioned your letter. She seems quite happy. Will write occasionally, reporting any new developments.'"

Del was elated. He admired Sally for her spirit. And now that he was sure no harm would befall her, he could regard the whole affair as an amusing incident.

Two weeks later another letter arrived from Bill.

"Dear Del: 'Miss Enders is getting along fine. Have raised her pay to twenty-five dollars. She confided in me to-day that she planned to earn her living in New York for a period of two months. She'd die if I ever told her you had a finger in the pie.'"

chances out of ten she was staying to show him and the folks of Oakham that she was no quitter. Bill, who was a darn good scout, didn't understand the situation.

Two days before Sally was due to return, Del spent the better part of a morning looking over large and expensive diamond rings. He finally purchased one that would have lent charm to the third finger on any girl's left hand.

The next day he drove about the countryside looking at home sites. He finally selected and made a deposit on one that he was sure Sally would like. It was a charming location, set well back from the road with large and stately shade trees in front, and not too far from the centre of the village.

Feeling quite satisfied with himself, but resolved not to reveal the nature of his purchases until after Sally had unfolded her proud tale of hard work and economical living, Del rose early on the day she was due to arrive, breakfasted well and prepared to depart in his own roadster for the station. It was at this point that the telephone rang.

There was a telegram from New York for Del, which he took over the phone.

"Dear Del: Fourth and last report on Sally Enders. I married her last night."

"Bill"

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ENGLAND IN STRONG POSITION IN FIRST TEST

Goddard Does Hat Trick At Critical Moment

Bruce Mitchell Batting In Great Style

Johannesburg, To-day.

England placed themselves in a dominating position as a result of yesterday's play in the Second Test.

Although adding only 96 runs to their overnight total, England's score of 422 was considered reasonably good, and the soundness of their position was revealed by the comparative failure of the South African batsmen, with the exception of Bruce Mitchell, and Nourse.

Goddard, the Gloucester spinner, did the hat-trick, and brought about a sudden change in the outlook after Nourse and Mitchell had added nearly 120 runs for the third wicket. Close of play score was 166 for 5.

FARNES BARRACKED

Mitchell opening South Africa's innings brightly against Farnes, who, on bumping the ball on several occasions was barracked, and Edrich, scored 30 in 24 minutes and reached his 50 in 98 minutes.

When he had reached 56 his partner, Vanderbyl was given out l.b.w. to Verity for 4. Alan Melville, skippering South Africa for the first time did not last long, Verity diving and rolling over while taking a return catch to dismiss him for nought.

A. D. Nourse, was 38 and the score was 109 for 2 wickets when tea was taken.

On the resumption accurate bowling by Verity and Goddard together with a well-placed field kept the batsmen subdued. Mitchell did not score for 50 minutes after tea but then Nourse hit Hammond for a six to complete his half century in 109 minutes.

NOURSE OUT

His partnership with Mitchell added 100 in 125 minutes. When he had scored 73 Nourse's fine innings came to an end when he succumbed to Goddard. His knock had occupied him 163 minutes and was a grand exhibition of cover driving. His best scoring strokes were a six and six fours.

Then came a spectacular piece of work by Goddard, Gordon, who succeeded Nourse, was stumped by Ames off his first ball and Wade was clean bowled with the next ball giving Goddard the "hat-trick." Goddard kept an immaculate length and was very fast off the pitch.

Viljoen and Mitchell played out time.

ENGLAND—1st Innings

Edrich, c Slips, b Davies	4
P. A. Gibb, c Melville, b Mitchell	93
Paynter, b Mitchell	117
R. W. Hammond, b Gordon	24
Ames, c Waite, b Gordon	42
N. W. D. Yardley, c and b Mitchell	7
B. H. Valentine, c Wade, b Gordon	97
Verity, b Dalton	26
Wilkinson, lbw., b Gordon	2
Farnes, b Gordon	0
Goddard, not out	0
Extras	10

Total 422
Fall of wickets:—1 for 4 (Edrich), 2 for 188 (Paynter), 3 for 234 (Hammond), 4 for 278 (Gibb), 5 for 292 (Ames), 6 for 294 (Yard-

ley), 7 for 378 (Valentine), 8 for 388 (Verity), 9 for 415 (Wilkinson), 10 for 422 (Farnes).

Bowling Analysis

	O.	M.	R.	W.
Davies	19	0	102	1
Langton	27	5	74	0
Gordon	33.4	3	103	5
Mitchell	22	2	75	3
Dalton	10	1	42	1
Bond	2	0	16	0
SOUTH AFRICA—1st Innings				
B. Mitchell, not out	72			
P. Vanderbyl lbw., b Verity	4			
Alan Melville, c and b Verity	0			
A. D. Nourse, c and b Goddard	73			

CARDINAL PASSES

Rome, To-day.

The death is announced of the septuagenarian Cardinal Deskrbnsky, the last Cardinal to be elevated to the purple by Pope Leo XIII, in 1901.

He was formerly Archbishop of Prague and later Archbishop of Olmutz.—Reuter.

N. Gordon st., Ames, b God-	0
dard	0
W. Wade, b Goddard	0
N. K. Viljoen, not out	17
Extras	17

Total (for 5 wks.) 166
Fall of wickets:—1 for 41 (Vanderbyl), 2 for 44 (Melville), 3 for 160 (Nourse), 4 for 160 (Gordon), 5 for 160 (Wade).

There was bright sunshine and a crowd of 25,000 when B. H. Valentine and Verity resumed the Tourists' innings, the gates being closed half an hour after the start.

The wicket was wearing slightly and was taking spin. Valentine the Kent amateur, was enterprising and cleverly stole the bowling but was finally taken by Wade off Gordon's bowling three runs short of his century. He scored his 97 runs in 138 minutes and had 11 boundaries.

STOLID DISPLAY

Verity did not last much longer and succumbed to an off-spinner by Dalton for 26. He gave a very stolid display and batted 55 min-

BUFFET DANCE BY THE LEAGUE OF PALS

A Fancy Dress Buffet Dance was held at the Kowloon Tong Club last evening by the local branch of the League of Pals, which was recently inaugurated in the Colony.

With the Middlesex Band in attendance, over 100 couples spent an enjoyable time, dancing into the early hours of this morning.

The President of the organisation, Mr. E. M. Heidler, made brief reference to the activities of the League.

Prizes to the best fancy dresses were presented by Mrs. H. Castro. Mr. F. Castro was Master of Ceremonies.

The prize-winners were:
Most Elaborate Costume: Miss M. Ozorio, (Lady In Grey), Mr. R. Castro (Chinese Headress).

Most Original Costume: Miss R. Gardner (Spanish Lady), Mr. E. Alves (Spaniard).

Most Comical Costume: Miss V. Carvalho (India Lady), Mr. Norman Lee (Convict).

utes for his score. Wilkinson fell to an l.b.w. appeal off Gordon for 2 and Farnes was dismissed almost immediately afterwards, having his off-stump knocked back by Gordon for a "duck." Goddard was undefeated for 0 when M.C.C. closed their innings at 422 runs, scored in 431 minutes.





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NAZI TRIUMPH IN PRAGUE

Announcement of the dissolution in Czechoslovakia of the Communist Party represents the final triumph of Nazi policy. For some time past, the German National Socialist press has assembled and presented with unceasing satisfaction all evidence pointing to the development in the former democratic Republic of Czechoslovakia of a new kind of regime, more nearly resembling the present regime in Germany.

The partition of Czechoslovakia, as has been explained, meant much more than physical changes in the map of central Europe. It meant also specifically the disappearance of what former President Eduard Benes has frequently described as the "outpost of western democracy."

German National Socialists do not approve democracy. They believe, quite sincerely, that their own undemocratic and anti-democratic system is superior. They believe that the "masses" cannot be trusted to govern themselves intelligently, but should leave that task to a caste of men selected and trained as leaders. They claim the right to hold power indefinitely, and to suppress by force any who challenge their right. Like the Russian Communists, they justify terrorism as a means to crush political opposition of every description.

The former Czechoslovak State was not only a true democracy, but one of the most disciplined democracies in Europe. The Government believed so thoroughly in democracy that it permitted the existence of several large political parties which advocated the overthrow of democracy and its replacement by anti-democratic forms of government.

One such party was a Communist Party, which paid lip service to democracy but actually favoured, like such parties everywhere, the same form of terroristic dictatorship which exists in Soviet Russia. Another was the Sudeten German Party, which eventually rose in rebellion against the Government which had tolerated its existence because one of the cardinal principles of democracy is tolerance.

In the partition of Czechoslovakia, German National Socialists see a great triumph over European democracy. Large portions of the former democratic Republic came directly under the rule of three undemocratic States, Germany, Poland, and Hungary. The remaining "rump" state of Czechoslovakia has already, as Germans see it, repudiated the democratic principles which formerly stood in such high repute, but whose adherents felt they were abandoned in their hour of need by Europe's great democracies and left to the mercies of anti-democratic neighbours.

In the circumstances, the groups in Czechoslovakia which had distrusted democracy and favoured a system more like that prevailing in Germany, have become predominant in the new Government. Adherence to democratic principles, they say, has brought ruin to Czechoslovakia. The German National Socialist group have watched with especial attention and noted with particular satisfaction the changes in Prague itself. The German press has welcomed such developments as the suppression of the Czech Communist Party, measures taken to limit the activities and influence of Jews, introduction of economic schemes similar to those worked out in Germany and previously adopted by other eastern European countries.

The partition of Czechoslovakia and the transformation of the Government of the remaining State has cleared the way, as the Germans see it, to many new developments. It has left Germany without any important trade rival in central and eastern Europe. It has destroyed any possible military threats from Czechoslovakia. It has crushed the vigorous Communist movement tolerated by the former Prague democracy.

Finally, Germany has vanquished, at least for the time being, the democratic system in Czechoslovakia, making way for a different system, which German National Socialists prefer.

Names And The Man

The difficulty, which is interesting South Africa at present, about the origins and birthplace of the Rorke of Rorke's Drift is one which is likely to recur with increasing frequency in the Empire and also in the United States. It is not likely that there will ever be any great difficulty in tracing the origins of Harrismith or Ladysmith, of places named after H. M. Stanley or after Livingstone. Rhodesia will not present any difficulty, but there will be numbers of small places named in pioneer times which, as the years pass, will present plenty of opportunity for speculation.

But it is surely in America that these things will present the greatest difficulty. Washington, Pittsburg, and New York may be easy enough, but, especially in the West, there must already be many places where the origin of the name is even now misty and will grow more doubtful.

Even in the Old World there are difficulties. We are always hearing of the Quai d'Orsay, but how much is known of the history of the originator of the name? There is something to be said on the other side too. The most curious case is that of Henry Hudson, of whom it is recorded in the "Dictionary of National Biography" that "the river, strait, bay, and vast tract of land which bear his name have kept his memory alive, but in point of fact not one of them was discovered by Hudson."

Japan's Inroads Into British Shipping Trade

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GERMANS' BIG HOLD ON SPAIN

SWORN STATEMENTS DETAILING FRANCO'S PROPAGANDA METHODS AND PROVIDING STARTLING EVIDENCE OF THE EXTENT OF GERMAN PENETRATION IN SPAIN HAVE BEEN RECEIVED BY THE PARLIAMENTARY COMMITTEE FOR SPAIN.

They were given in New York recently by Antonio Bahamonde Sanchez de Castro, former propaganda agent for General Queipo de Llano, who has escaped from rebel territory.

De Castro described a visit to the Gibraltar zone "I did not see a single Italian," he declares. "In the Gibraltar zone there are only Germans and the men who took care of my documents there were Germans.

"Tarifa is solidly fortified with heavy calibre cannon, and the Sierra Carbonera is mounted with cannon in such a manner that I have many times heard it said in the Second Division (territory under command of General Queipo de Llano) that the imperial route of England was in the hands of Spain (the reality is, in the hands of Germany).

"In all that part of the territory the fortifications have been made by Germans and in many places Spaniards have not been allowed to get near the work.

De Castro asserts that Spanish capitalists are now repentant of the aid they gave to Franco.

CONFISCATION

"Property," he adds, "has ceased to be sacred in the Nationalist zone. Queipo or any other military or Falangist chief can at will confiscate the wealth of anyone."

Revolting descriptions are given of Queipo de Llano's methods of faking "Red" atrocities.

"When I was given the post, they gave me instructions we were to invent daily murders with refinements and cruelties that not a single time approached reality."

The affidavit describes how after

Japanese Control India Routes

London, December 13.

An attack upon the Government over the "decadence of Britain's mercantile marine," was delivered in the House of Lords this evening by Lord Lloyd, former High Commissioner of Egypt and Governor of Bombay.

He stressed the strategic importance of the merchant fleet and pointed out that British shipping has of late been virtually excluded from Baltic trade with Russia by Government-owned Soviet vessels.

"We are being driven out of Far Eastern trade, too, by subsidized Japanese competition," he continued.

"Trade on the Calcutta-Japan run in 1913 was wholly British; it is now 61 per cent. Japanese.

JAPANESE TAKE OVER

"Shipping on the Bombay-Japan route was practically all British before the Great War. But now it is 80 per cent. Japanese.

"This is in our own area. And India-Japan shipping trade as a whole is now 73 per cent. Japanese.

"The same story can be told of Australia-Japan trade, which is now 79 per cent. Japanese. The same process is beginning in African trade."

He also emphasised the position of American competition in the Pacific.

"In the case of Japanese competition, the whole question was referred to the Imperial Shipping Committee two years ago and as far as I know, nothing has happened," he said.

"Surely these cases have created some reason for having a Shipping Ministry."

the capture of Granja de la Torre Hermosa in the Badajoz province bodies were deliberately mutilated and photographed.

"These pictures have travelled all over the world as crimes committed by the Reds."

SHIPPING SAID AIDED

Other spokesmen supported Lord Lloyd's views. Then Viscount Runciman, Lord President of the Council and recently in the lime-light as investigator of the Czech-Sudeten crisis, replied on behalf of the Government.

He emphasised their efforts to aid British shipbuilders and ensure the security of British navigation.

"We have been taking energetic measures to deal with our shipping interests in the Mediterranean and elsewhere."

"Very shortly we will have to face a difficult situation in the Far East," he stated.

The Government would not remain inactive, however, he concluded, but was depending on the co-operation of the shipping industry itself. — Havas.

YOUNG JEW'S TRIAL MAY BE NAZI DEBATE

Observing a self-imposed fast of one day weekly, Herschel Grynszpan, the 17-year-old Jew, is spending his time in a Paris juvenile prison writing the story of his life up to the time he killed Ernst vom Rath, the German diplomat, in the Paris Embassy.

The act was to avenge his race for sufferings wrought on them by Nazis.

Grynszpan, who now awaits trial, replied to the examining magistrate's questions in broken German and Yiddish.

During the two years he lived in Paris like a hunted animal he was afraid to meet French people and learn their language, he said.

"Whenever I tried to get work they called me 'Jew,' he told the Judge.

"I didn't even look, because they wouldn't give me a working permit, and there are no jobs without one."

Then he bought a revolver and committed the crime.

"I acted alone and spontaneously," he said.

The defence will be based on Grynszpan's youth and his suffering. It is doubtful if the State will ask for the death penalty.

Should the father of Ernst vom Rath become a civil party to the trial and provide a lawyer to aid the prosecution, the trial may become a political debate on the Nazi regime.

Stung At Twelve, Still Chases Wasps At Eighty

A man with a strange pastime is 80-year-old George Manser, of Manor-road, Swanscombe (Kent).

He is a wasp-killer and, as such, has been employed by the local council for four years.

Mr. Manser began his career as Public Enemy No. 1 in the wasp world when he was 12. He tried to stifle some wasps with sulphur, but was badly stung.

Adopting a new technique, he made some "squibs" of sulphur, saltpetre, and gunpowder. After igniting and thrusting it into a nest, he blocked the aperture and awaited results. A few hours later he found the wasps dead.

Since then Mr. Manser has been a "wasp killer." His part-time services have been in demand all over Kent.

Latest method of Mr. Manser's is to blow cyanide of potash into the nests from a syringe.

Nests are invariably found in the ground, but he has known them in roofs.

A former farm worker, Mr. Manser is so familiar with the ways of wasps that he can tell whether they are flying on an empty stomach or not.

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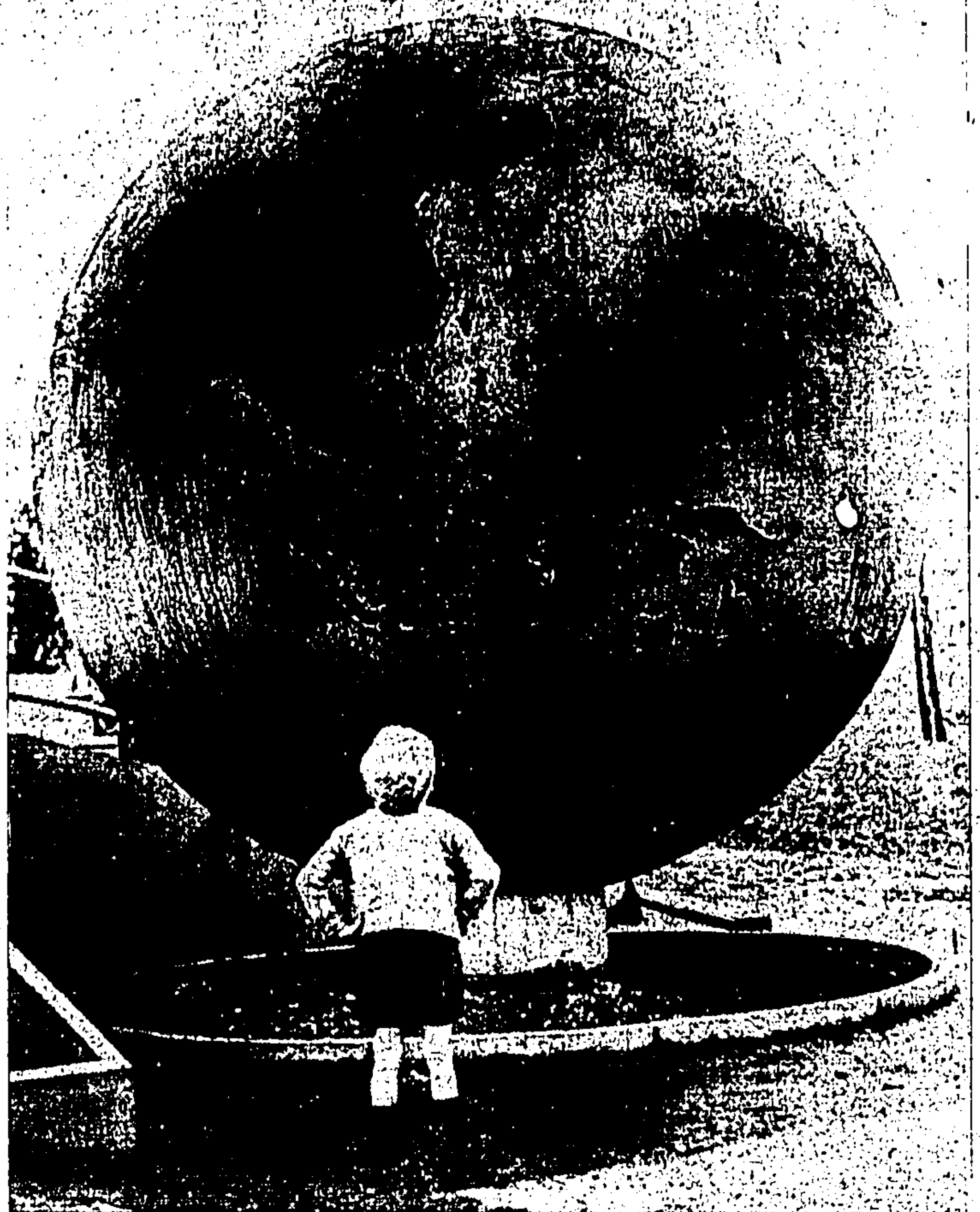
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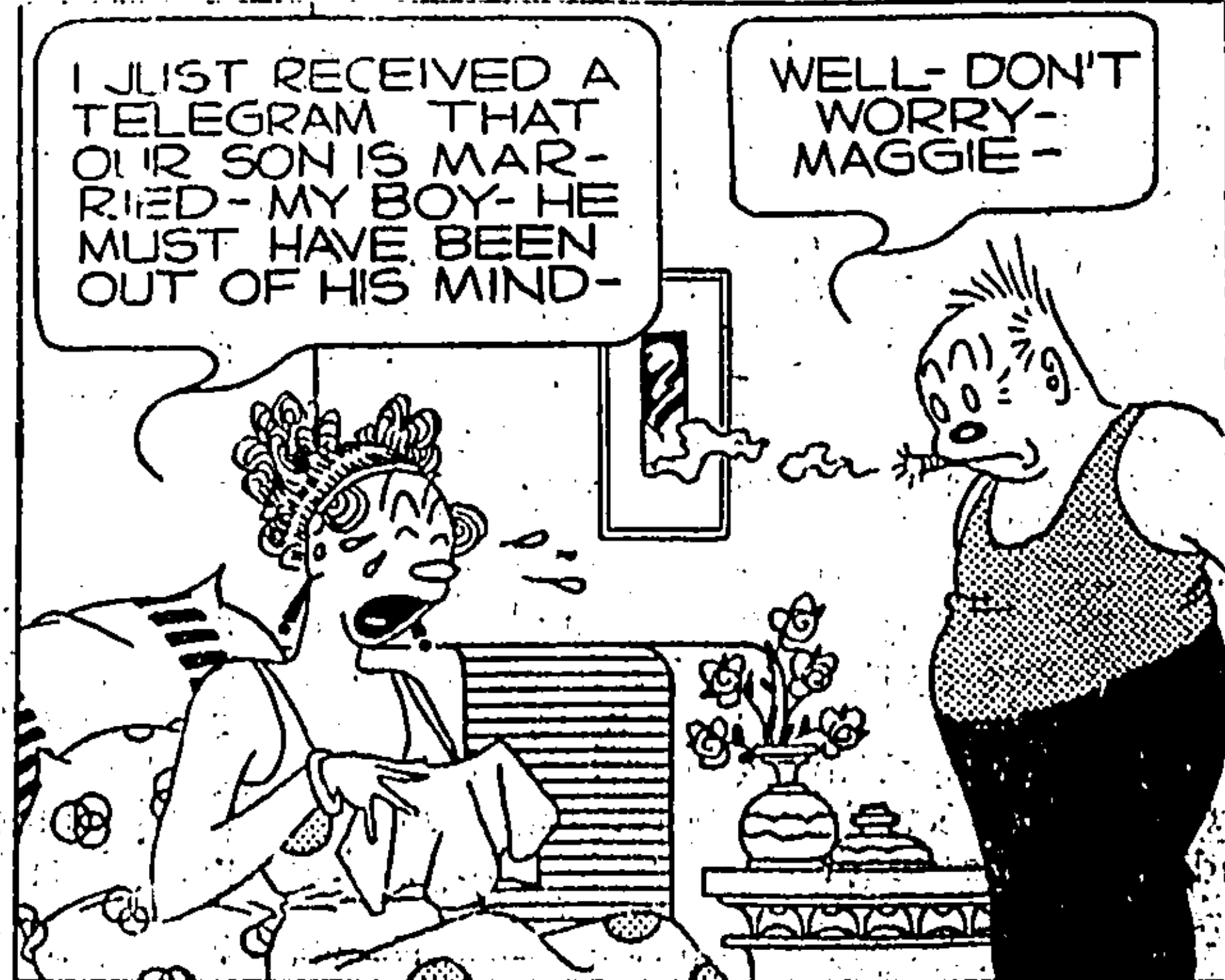
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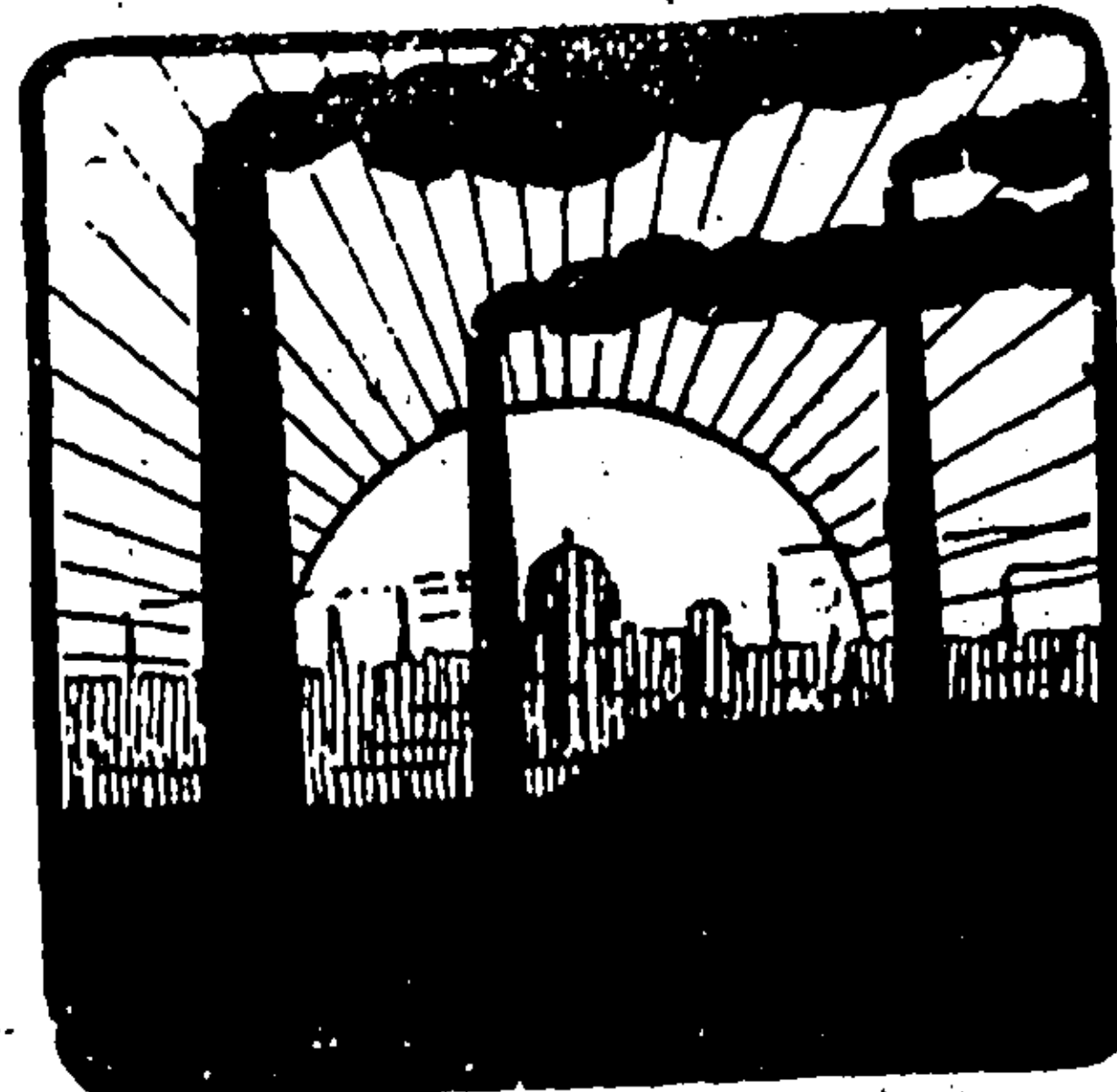
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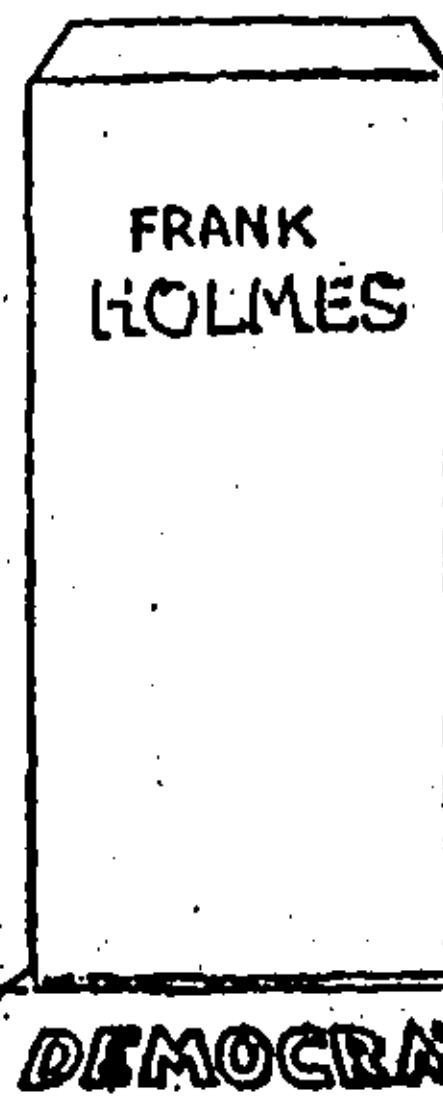
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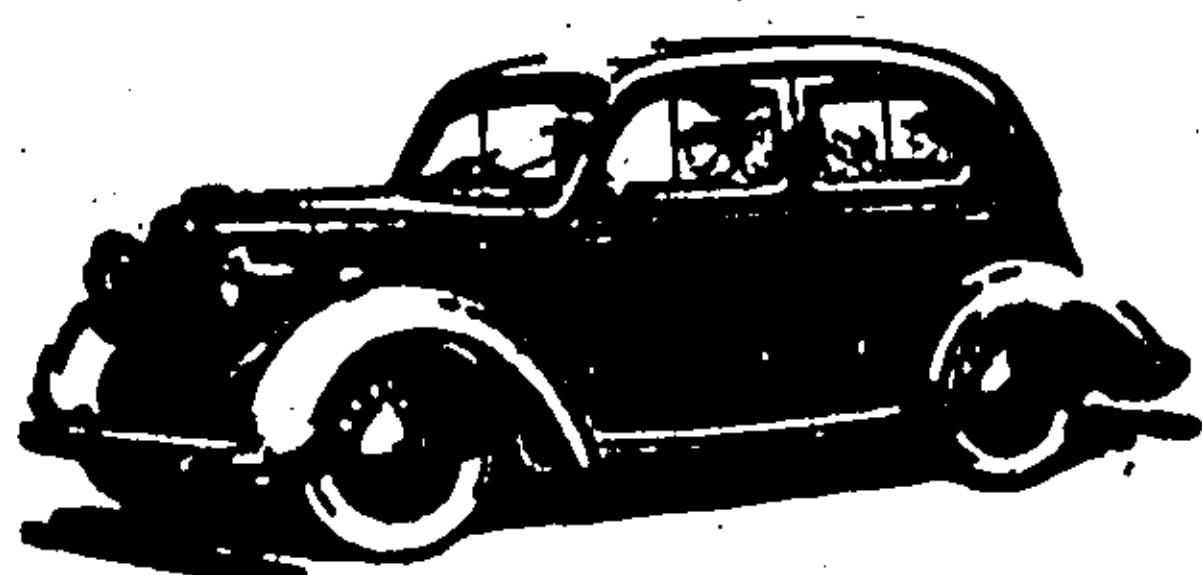
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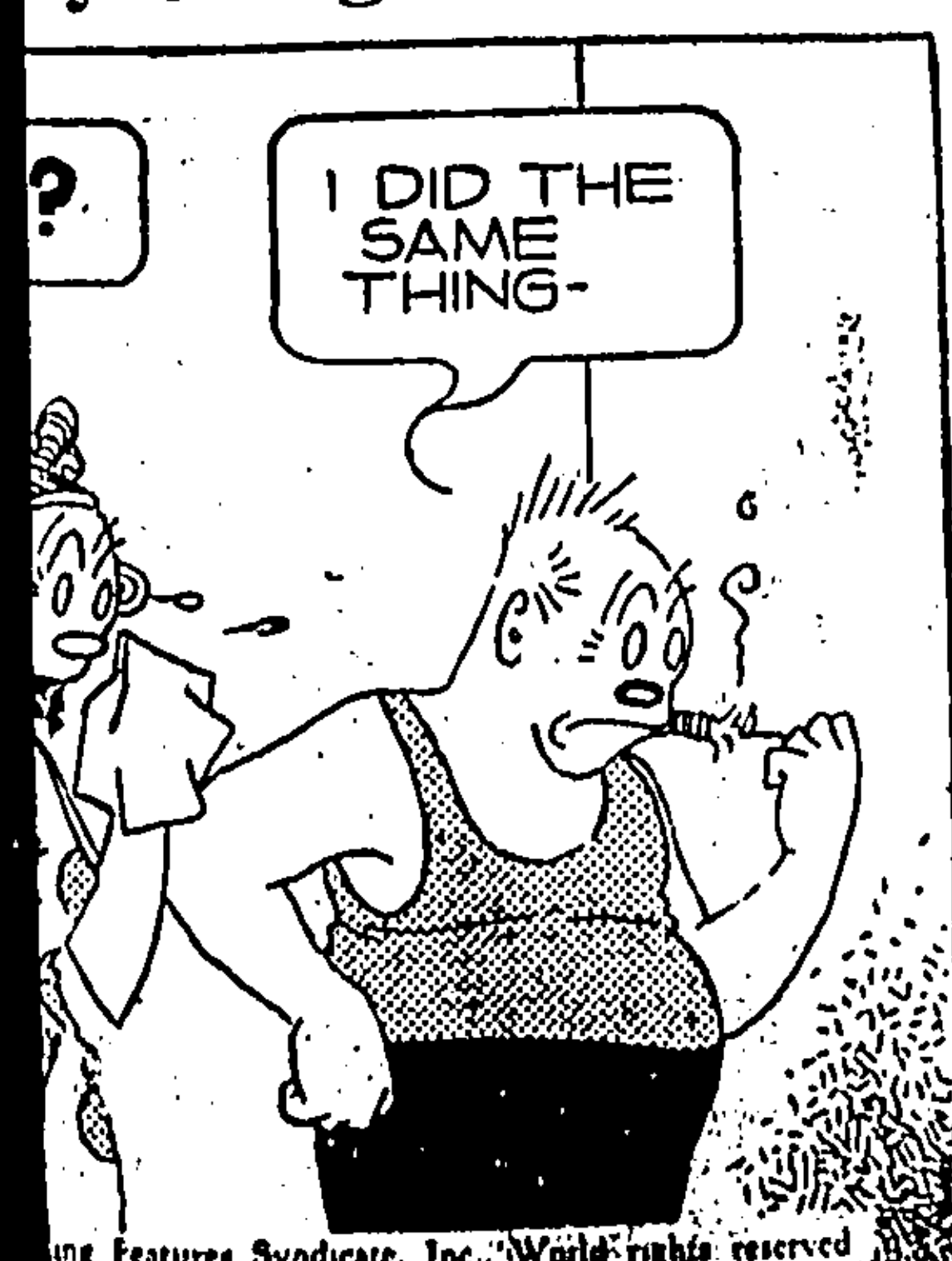


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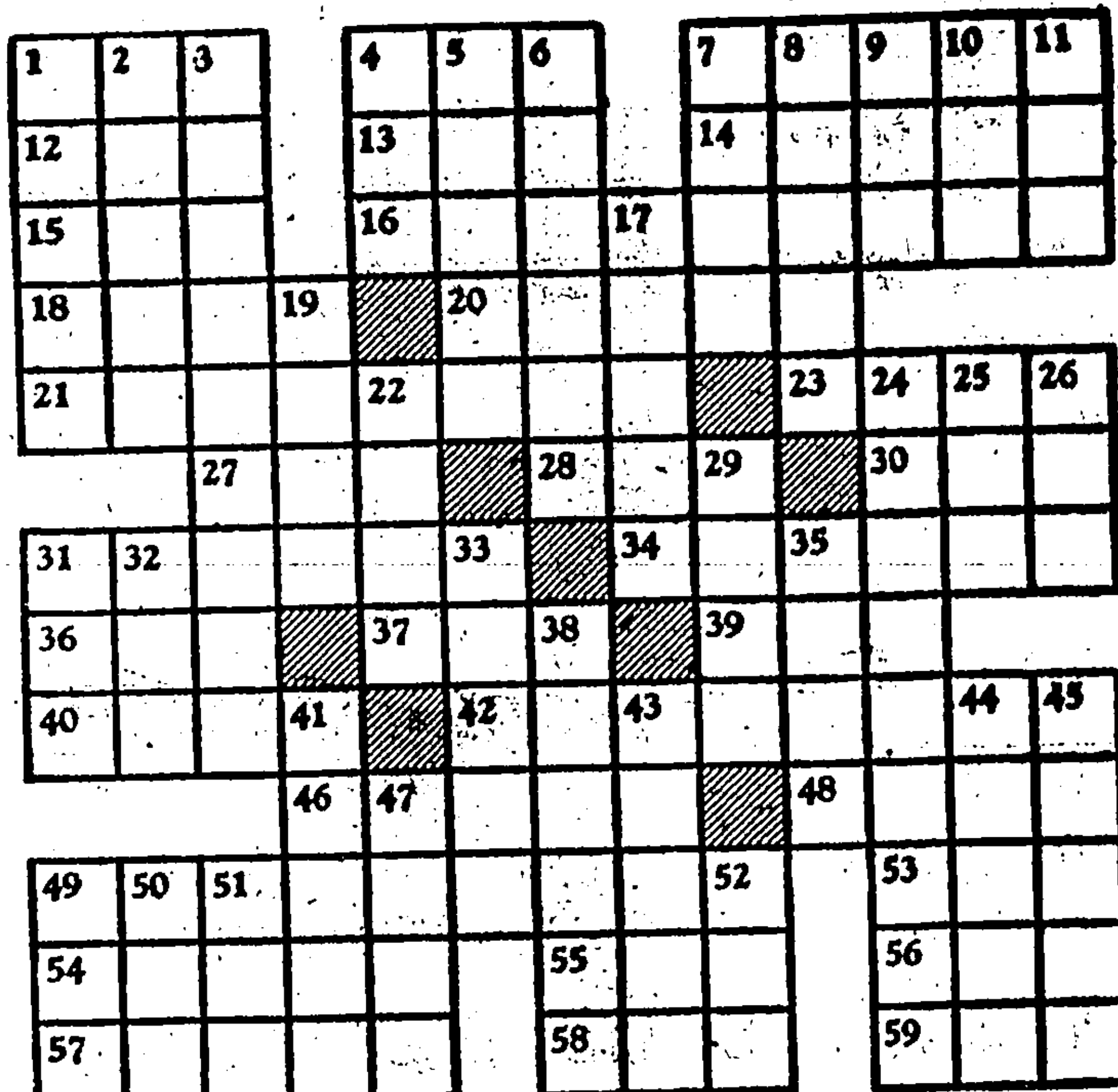
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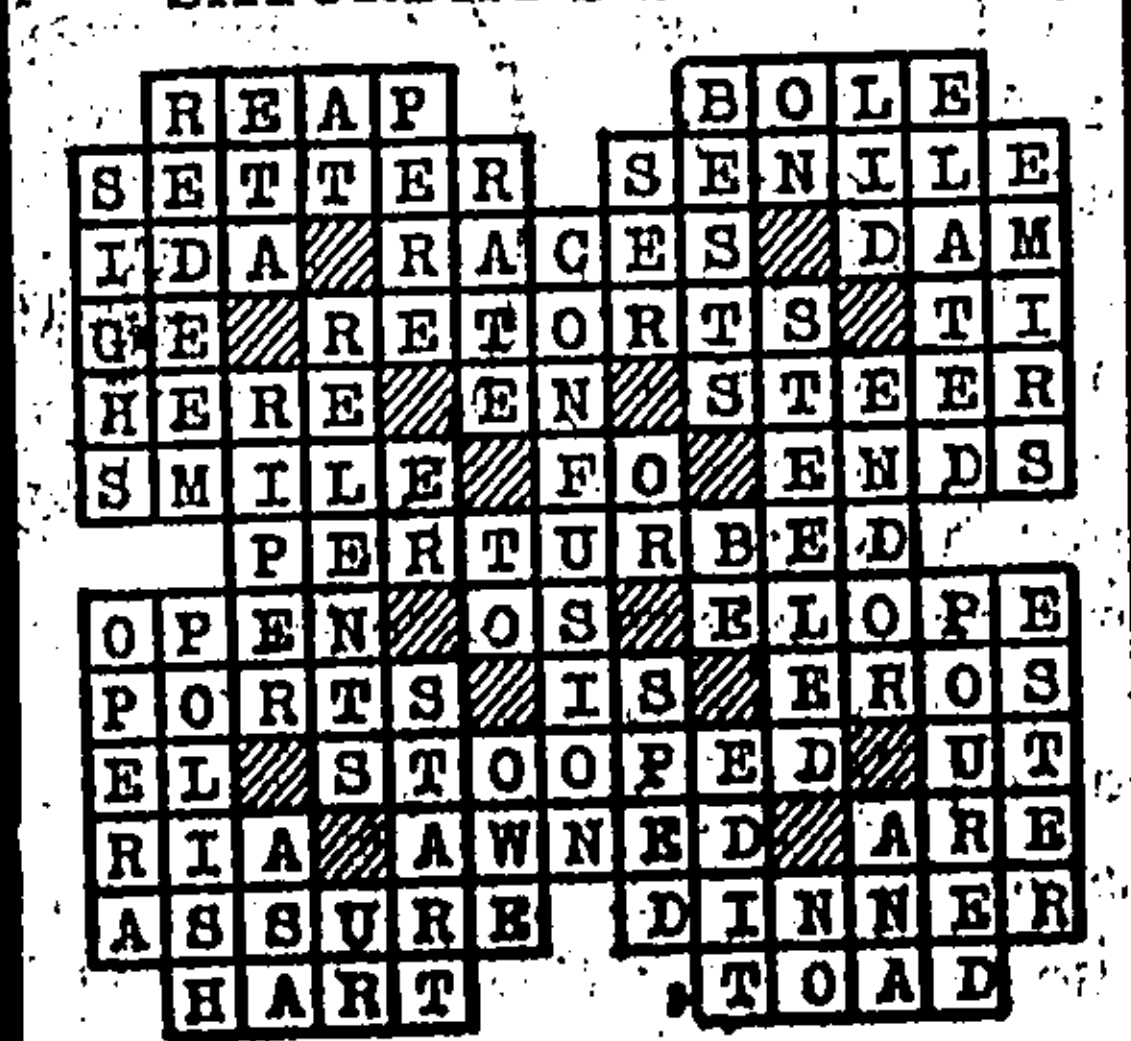
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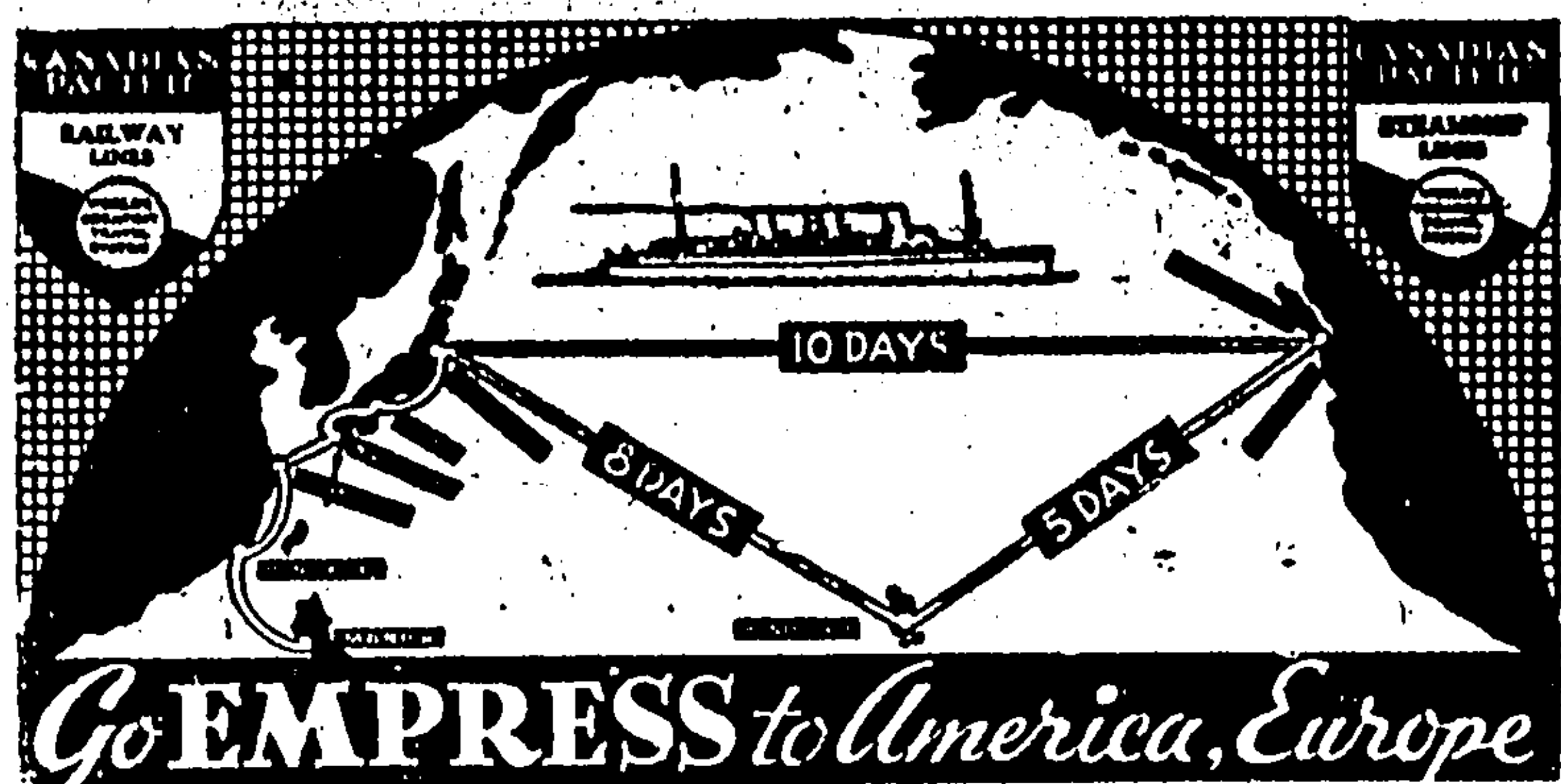
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Mr. Burgin's Rhyme

Mr. Leslie Burgin, Minister of Transport, broke into verse at the banquet of the Guild of Freemen of the City of London at Guildhall while responding to the toast of "The National and Municipal Services." He recited the following lines, in which he referred to Mr. Herbert Morrison, leader of the L.C.C., to the guests:

Herbert Morrison and I
Control the traffic going by.
The bridge that was our Waterloo!

We live in amity by Thames-side
Separated by no more than one
bridge wide.

We would like to agree with the
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Exactly the shares for Sir Charles
Bressey!

The reference to "shares" no doubt referred to the apportionment of cost between the Government and the L.C.C. in the event of Sir Charles Bressey's scheme for an embankment on the south side of the Thames being adopted.

DUTCH FIGHTERS FOR FRANCE

'Fastest Of Their Kind'

The French Government has placed an order for Dutch Koolhoven fighters, which, the makers claim, are the fastest of their kind in the world.

This statement was made by Mr. Frederick Koolhoven, the designer and manufacturer, the opening of the Paris Air Show.

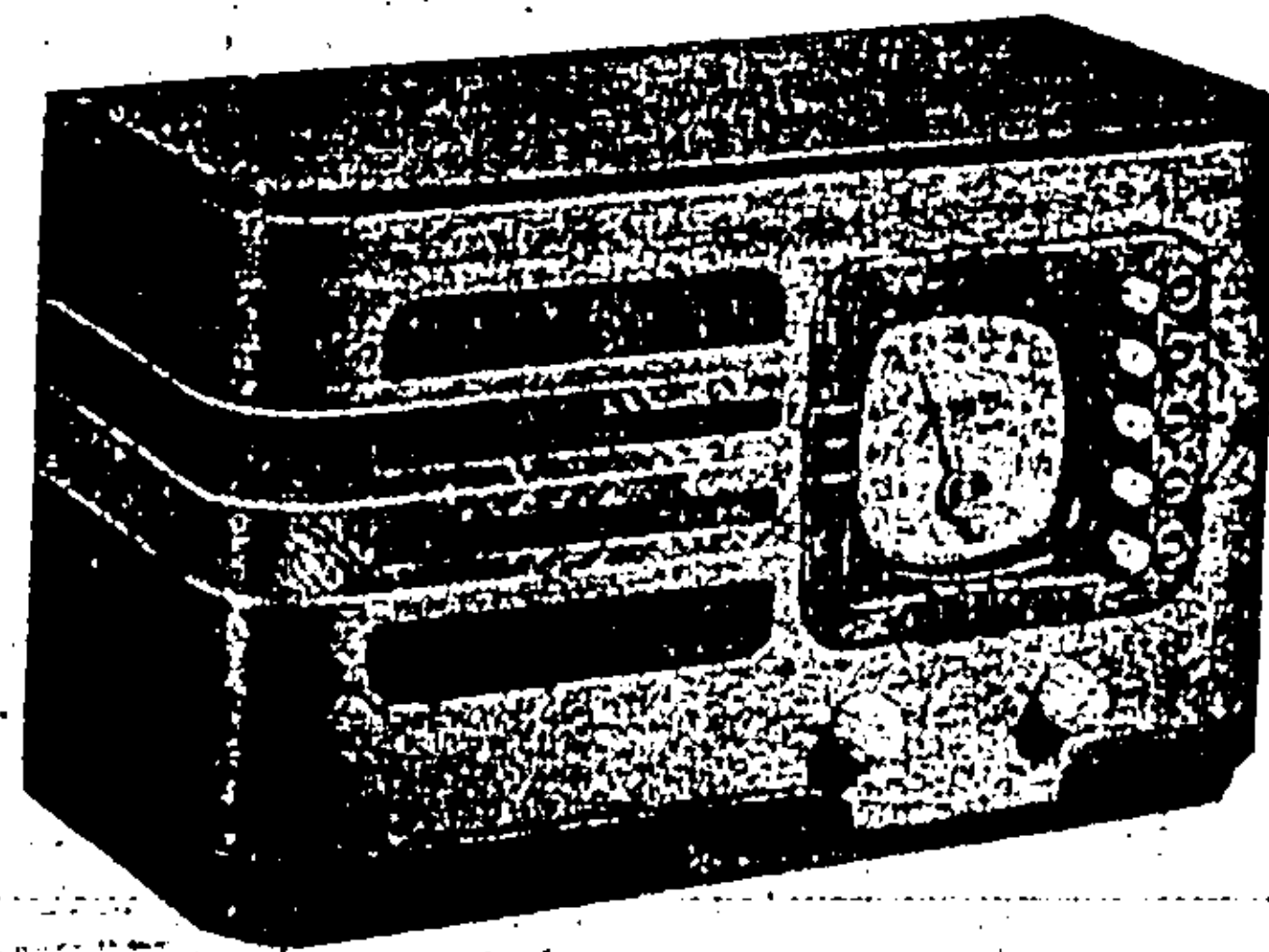
The speed claimed for this machine puts it in the same class as the British Spitfire fighter and the German Messerschmitt.

A Messerschmitt monoplane holds the world landplane speed record of 379 m.p.h. The normal maximum speed of the Spitfire exceeds 350 m.p.h., and if this can be increased it is probable that it will be used to attack the record.

The "Conte Rosso" is due here from Singapore to-morrow at 4 p.m. and will sail for Shanghai on Thursday at 6 a.m.



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ACQUITTED BOY DECISION

Ordered To Be Sent
To A School

The 13-year-old boy who was recently acquitted at the Old Bailey on a charge of murdering a four-year-old girl, whose body was found in a sack was, at Islington Juvenile Court, committed to a school to be named after consultation among the departments concerned.

When the chairman, Mr. C. R. Wadman, told the boy it was suggested that they should arrange for him to be sent to a school, the boy replied:

"That would spoil everything. I have learned my lesson now. Can't I go and live with Auntie? I would like to go to work to help my mother."

After the magistrates announced their decision, he burst into tears. The boy appeared before the court as "a person being in need of care and protection."

Div. Det.-Insp. J. Swain, replying to the Clerk, said that the boy's family were very poor.

"They live in a basement flat," he said, "and the supervision of the boy by his mother is inadequate."

Mr. E. J. P. Cussens, for the boy, said that he had spoken to the mother and with Mr. J. F. Eastwood, K.C., leading counsel for the defence at the trial. They agreed that the boy was in need of care and protection.

MOTHER'S CONSENT

The mother said she was willing, if the Court saw fit, that an order

should be made to prevent her son being exposed to moral danger.

The Chairman: You understand that the statement of the complainant is that you had not fitly carried out a mother's duties. Do you deny that, or agree with it as somewhere near the truth?

The Mother: I have to go out to work, and during the time I have been out my boy has had a fairly free rein, and that has meant that I have not been able to supervise him as I would like to.

PRIESTS AND PARSONS! --KEEP OUT OF POLITICS!

(Continued from Page 2)

can the Aryan man survive?" For Hitler, therefore, he who diverts the flood surge of the national movement into religious channels is an even greater enemy than the Communist.

"The task of the Nazi Movement is not that of a religious reformation, but of a political reorganisation of the people. Both churches are regarded as important pillars for the existence of the nation. All those will be attacked who dare to use this fundamental basis of the national, moral and religious strength of our people for party purposes."

But Hitler, in fact, though he made a Concordat with the Pope in 1933, has not been able to avoid a long and bitter struggle ever since. His demand to control the education of German youth cuts directly across Roman Catholic custom.

And with the Protestants the clash of Nazi philosophy and practice has been even more disastrous. Hitler has had to take over the Lutheran Church and practically run it through his Minister for Church Affairs, Pastor Niemöller is in prison and the Confessional Faith, which he leads, stoutly refuses to accept State authority.

Meantime the "German Christian" Movement is fanned by Nazi pagan forces ("The Cross must fall if Germany is to live!") and Hitler-worship approximates to the God-King conception of the dark German forest of antiquity wherein the Fuehrer's own mind ranges constantly and increasingly in the quest of the German Myth.

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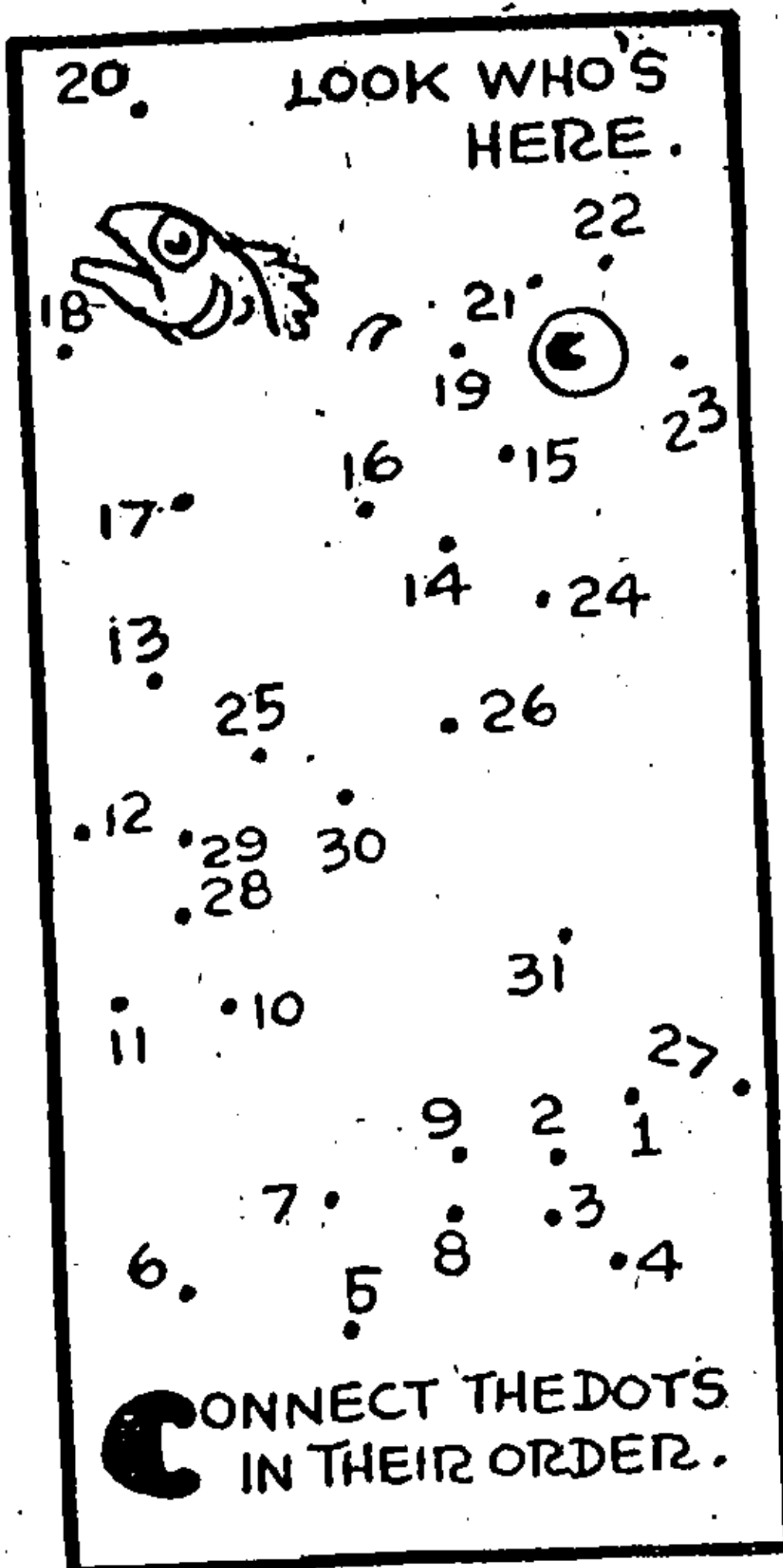
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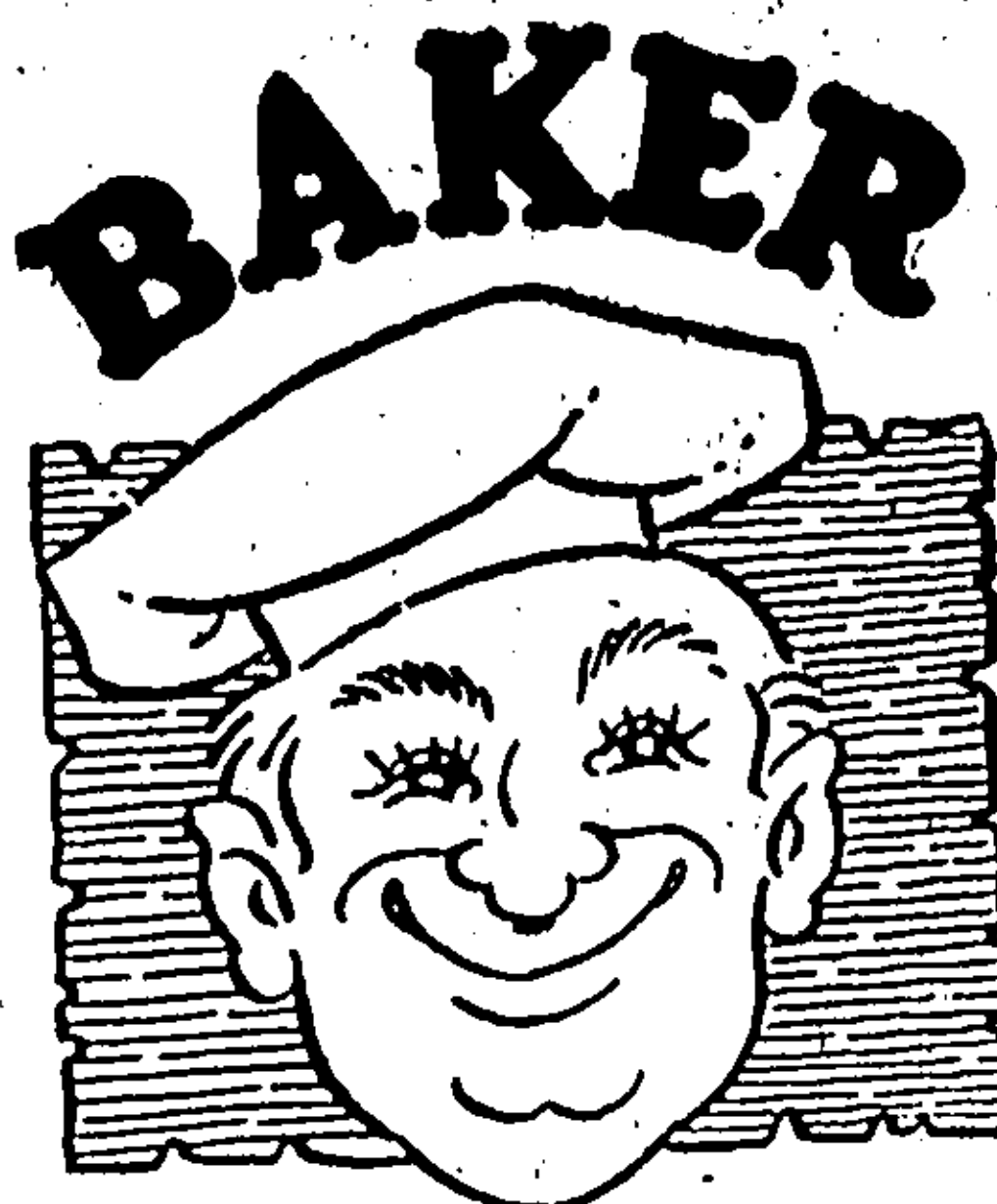
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Portugal Swamp Ireland

Gomes' Brilliant Display In Local Soccer International Classic

GOSANO BROTHERS AND BELTRAO MAKE RETURN

Displaying excellent combination in attack and assisted by a strong half-back line, Portugal overwhelmed Ireland by 7 goals to 1 in the Semi-Final Round of the "Sunday Hera'd" International Charity Cup Competition, on the Kowloon F.C. ground.

The game was featured by the return of A. V. Gosano, in the centre-forward berth, and N. Beltrao, as pivot, while C. F. Remedios, another old-timer, was seen at right-back. B. Gosano, who arrived the previous day, was seen at inside-right in place of A. Ward.

The Portuguese team combined well and their forwards were in great form, keeping the Irish defenders on the move continually. A. V. Gosano required special watching. He always lay well up the field and his distribution to his wingers left nothing to be desired. Outstanding player in the attack was J. Gomes, at inside-left. He displayed good ball-control, fed Alves with long swing passes and culminated his day's display by a "hat trick."

T. Castilho, on the right-wing was not up to his usual form. He centred well, but failed in his shooting when well placed.

Beltrao showed that he, too, has lost none of his old form. His positioning was excellent while his clearances always found one of his teammates.

J. Pereira, who made his debut in a local international series, after one year in senior football, fully justified the confidence placed in him. He had to watch P. Jorge and Martin, the opposing right-wing combination, and did so well.

C. F. Remedios, of whom some doubt was felt, gave a rousing display at right-back, where throughout the game he did not place a foot wrong. He kicked cleanly and his timely tackling in the opening-half saved Portugal on several occasions.

In view of the fact that the Ire-

land team was made up from different clubs and had little chance for combination, they did well in the opening half, but the pace in the second period proved too much for them.

The inability of their forwards to get going threw an extra burden on the defence, who, in their desire to assist them, were often caught out of position.

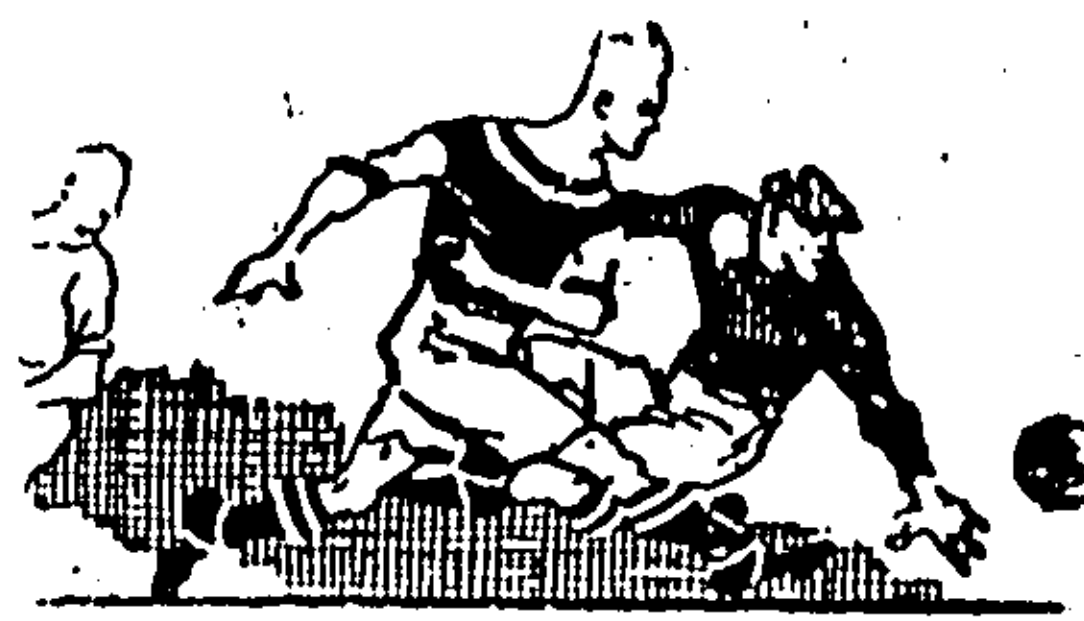
D. Leonard, the leader, played a restrained game. He could do nothing right against a team of his own club-mates, who knew his every move and dodge.

P. Jorge, who played his first international game, was outstanding in the Irish attack and was the only player of any danger to Portugal. His foot work and passing left nothing to be desired, but his task was too much heavy owing his leader being subdued.

The game start sensationally and within a few minutes MacDonald had placed Ireland in the lead following some good play by Jorge and Leonard.

This success was short-lived however, for in the next few minutes Portugal drew level through A. V. Gosano and went ahead through Gomes. This player added another just before interval.

In the second half Gomes scored his third goal and A. V. Gosano. B. Gosano and T. Alves added further goals.



SCOTLAND MEET CHINA TO-DAY IN 'SUNDAY HERALD' CUP CLASH

A thrilling soccer match should be witnessed on the Sookunpoo ground this afternoon, commencing at 4 p.m. when Scotland meets China in the First Round of the "Sunday Herald" International Charity Cup competition.

The teams are:

China:—Tam Kwan-kon; Mak Shui-hon and Lee Ting-sang; Lau Hing-choi, Leung Wing-chui and Hsu King-sing; Yeung Shui-yick, Fung King-cheung, Lee Wai-tong (Capt.), Lai Shui-wing and Hau Ching-to.

Reserves:—Pau Ka-ping, Hau Hong-sang, Soong Ling-sing, Lo Wai-kuen, Lou Wai-pui, Chow Man-chi, Lee Tak-kee, Lau Tau-man and Chan Tak-fai.

Scotland:—Duncan (Royal Scots); Blackburn (Police) and Fraser (Royal Scots); Brown (Royal Scots), Proctor (Royal Scots), Beaton (24th R.A.); Munro (Royal Scots), Ferrier (Police), Hossack (Royal Scots), Howlett (Police) and Tait (Middlesex).

Reserves:—McHardy (Police), Har-kin (Signals), Clarke (Royal Scots), Smith (Medicals), and Gilroy (Royal Scots).

Players and reserves are to report to Captain Masterton-Smith, Royal Scots, at the Pavilion, not later than 3 p.m.



POLICE FORM RUGBY SECTION

HAVE EXCELLENT NUCLEUS

The Hong Kong Police formed a Rugby Section at a meeting held last Saturday at Central Police Headquarters.

Mr. G. S. Wilson, A.S.P., who plays regularly for the Club, was elected captain and J. S. Riddell is the Hon. Secretary.

Players will have their first practice at the Boundary Road ground on Friday, January 4.

The Police XV will include Wall (full back), D. H. Taylor, G. S. Wilson and Willison (three-quarters), Morrison (scrum half), Cullinan (hooker), R. W. Jenner, H. W. E. Heath, J. S. Riddell, L. H. Oakley and S. Innes (forwards).

It is understood that Wall formerly played at full back for the Army while Jenner was a member of the Whitgift School XV. Oakley played in South Africa and Innes played for Ilkely in Yorkshire.

Mr. E. J. Luscombe, a Police Cadet, is likely to turn out for the team at forward.

LADIES' SOFTBALL

In a Ladies' League Softball game at the Filipino Club yesterday, the Wahos defeated the home side, 14-9.

"REVIEWER'S" SPORTS COMMENTARY

Wanted—A New Rugby Entente

Sir Louis Greig, I am sure, will back the efforts now being made by M. Roger Dantou, the president of the French Rugby Federation, and an old international, to re-establish relations with the four Rugby Unions on the English side of the Channel.

M. Dantou has seen M. Bonnet on the question and it will therefore presumably come up again for discussion between the four Home Unions. It was in 1931 that these decided on the professionalism issue to disassociate themselves from the French Rugby game.

Their attitude on the re-establishment of relations with France varies. The Welsh Rugby Union is favourable, the English not more than tepid, the Scottish hostile. Sir Louis, who got his cap for Scotland, feels that in these days we should help our neighbours in every way we can. One of these is Rugby football, in which the French Federation looks to us as the masters of the game.

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Novel Middlesex Cricket Fixture

Middlesex will play one of their "home" matches next summer at the Oval, where they will meet Notts on July 15, 17, 18. The reason is that the first of these three days is the second day of the Eton v. Harrow match at Lord's, an event which comes later in the month than usual.

Some Middlesex members have expressed regret that the committee should have come to this arrangement with the Oval instead of playing the Notts match on another ground in the county where 2nd XI matches have been played, such as Hampstead, Hornsey, Finchley or Ealing.

The question was carefully considered last year, and after investigation it was decided that the accommodation at these or other places would hardly prove adequate.

At the outbreak of war Surrey played two games—against Kent and Yorkshire—at Lord's when the Oval was requisitioned by the military. Leicestershire give an annual match to Oakham, and Hampshire now play once a year in the Isle of Wight. Otherwise it is not possible to recall an occasion when a county has played a "home" match outside its own borders.

The chief matches at Lord's will be:

May 13, 15, 16: M.C.C. v. West Indies.

June 3, 5, 6: Middlesex v. West Indies.

June 24, 26, 27: England v. West Indies (1st Test Match).

July 1, 3, 4: Oxford v. Cambridge.

July 5, 6, 7: Gentlemen v. Players.

July 14, 15: Eton v. Harrow.

It will be noticed that the University match again starts on a Saturday.

The second Test match against the West Indies will be played at Manchester on July 22, 24, 25, and the third and final one at the Oval beginning August 19.

NOMADS HOLD K.I.T.C.

In a Hong Kong Hockey Association Tournament match on Saturday, Nomads Hockey Club held a strong K.I.T.C. eleven to a draw both sides sharing two goals.

K.I.T.C. scored through Pyara Singh, while R. J. Reed replied for Nomads.

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GOVERNOR ATTENDS BOXING DAY MEETING

The Boxing Day Meeting of the Fanling Hunt and Race Club yesterday drew a large gathering of racing and steeplechase fans and spectators among whom were H.E. the Governor, Sir Geoffrey Northcote, His Honour the Chief Justice, Sir Atholl MacGregor and Lady MacGregor and Commodore E. B. Dicken and Mrs. Dicken.

The afternoon's sport proved very enjoyable but was marred by a series of accidents in the second last race of the day when four jockeys were thrown. The first down was Mr. Pitt when his mount Salazar jumped the rails. Then Mr. Fargus was thrown by Streamline. At the Water Jump, Mr. Treverton, on Brutus, was unseated and Comdr. Churchill was thrown by Flummery at the last hurdle.

The best dividend of the day was returned by Spectrum, ridden by Mr. Buchanan, backers receiving \$243.60 for a \$5 place bet.



Results of the races were as follows:

- TAIPO HANDICAP**
- 1.—Mr. M.H.T.'s Diogenes (Mr. H. J. A. Hearne).
 - 2.—Major Oliver's Double Chance (Mr. C. Gregory).
 - 3.—Mr. H. B. L. Dowbiggin's Ebony Idol (Comdr. Churchill).
- Pari-mutuel:—Win: \$17.70; Places: \$6.70, \$6.80, \$7.80.
- Also ran:—Clowner (Mr. E. E. B. Dolson); Estover (Mr. M. F. L. Haymes); Glenshee (Mr. G. W. Hook) and The Gawk (Mr. A. Boddy).

THE JORROCK'S PLATE "B"

- 1.—Messrs. Levis and Dobson's Three Farthings (Capt. Levis).
 - 2.—Mr. A. H. R. Butcher's The Minx (Mr. A. H. R. Butcher).
- Pari-mutuel:—Win: \$61; Places: \$11, \$6.40.
- Also ran:—Canary (Mr. J. G. Whitaker), Merry Jester (Mr. Menzies), Rexiana (Mr. Pitt).

THE JORROCK'S PLATE "A"

- 1.—Mr. M. F. L. Haymes' Zero (Mr. Haymes).
 - 2.—Mr. F. G. Nigel's Mortmain (Mr. C. L. Gregory).
 - 3.—Mr. J. P. Murphy's Jack O'Lantern (Mr. Le Geyt).
- Pari-mutuel:—Win: \$22.10; Places: \$8.50, \$8.50, \$15.50.
- Also ran:—King's Parade (Mr. W. E. Grieve), Malolo (Mr. H. J. A. Hearne), Public Hero No. 1 (Mr. A. F. D. Colson), Seventeenth of September (Mr. G. W. Hook), Widnos (Mr. J. Barrow).

THE HAPPY VALLEY HANDICAP

- 1.—Mr. Onesome's Stymie (Mr. H. J. A. Hearne).
 - 2.—Mr. A. H. R. Butcher's March Brown (Mr. Butcher).
 - 3.—Mr. Yeung Bing-yuen's National Dignity (Mr. H. F. Ohanson).
- Pari-mutuel:—Win: \$18.50; Places: \$6.10, \$6.80, \$6.80.
- Also ran:—Lancashire Chap (Mr. Lee), Latitot (Mr. G. Treverton), Lucky Eleven (Mr. A. F. D. Colson).

THE CANBERRA HANDICAP

- 1.—Mr. H. C. Macnamara's Spark Plug (Mr. Colson).
 - 2.—Mr. W. B. Grieve's Tevoitdale (Mr. Grieve).
 - 3.—Mr. B. A. Fargus's Spectrum (Mr. Buchanan).
- Pari-mutuel:—Win: \$22.20; Places: \$9.90, \$70, \$243.60.
- Also ran:—Brutus (Mr. G. Treverton), Flummery (Comdr. Churchill), Salazar (Mr. Pitt), Sea Urchin (Major Oliver), Streamline (Mr. Fargus), Trojan (Mr. Boddy).



THE CONSOLATION SCURRY

- 1.—Mr. Stanton's Estover (Mr. H. J. A. Hearne).
 - 2.—Messrs. Levis and Dobson's Clowner (Mr. E. E. B. Dolson).
 - 3.—Mrs. Stanton's Malolo (Mr. V. V. Needa).
- Pari-mutuel:—Win: \$7.20; Places: \$5.60, \$6.70, \$6.80.
- Also ran:—Merry Jester (Mr. Menzies), King's Parade (Mr. W. E. Grieve), Jack O'Lantern (Mr. Le Geyt), Latitot (Mr. Buchanan).

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ARMY HOCKEY TEAM TO MEET NAVY

The following will represent Army against Navy in a Triangular Hockey Tournament match on the Navy ground, King's Park, at 3.45 p.m. on Friday, December 30:

L/Cpl. Dove (R.C.S.); Pte. Stickley (Middlesex) and L/Bd. Carter (R.A.); L/Cpl. Metton (R.E.), Lieut. Hook (R.A.) and L/Sgt. Fraser (R. Scots); Capt. Kennedy (R. Scots), Lieut. Indarjit Singh (Rajputana Rifles), Lieut. Pritam Singh (Rajputana Rifles), L/Nk. Kerain Singh (Kumaons) and Rlm. Pataub Singh (Kumaons).

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SOUTH AFRICA'S BIG SOCCER SCHEME

Johannesburg, (By Air Mail).—South Africa has big soccer plans for 1940. Mr. Barbour, the honorary secretary of the South African Football Association, says that after the English F.A. tour of this country next season, South Africa will tackle the biggest scheme ever conceived by an amateur association in South Africa.

This is to obtain simultaneous tours by famous English and Scottish clubs—probably Everton, and Heart of Midlothian—to tour South Africa, after which a South African team would probably tour Australia.

Australian Rugby Union Tour Of England

(By AIR MAIL)

Sydney, Rugby Union—The report that Cecil Barnes, the famous Australian Rugby player is retiring from the game, is denied here. In fact he has high hopes of playing for the Australian team which tours Great Britain next year.

Barnes, a five-eighths, is noted for the great accuracy of his goal kicking. He holds the record for the number of points scored during the season at Sydney, with 176.



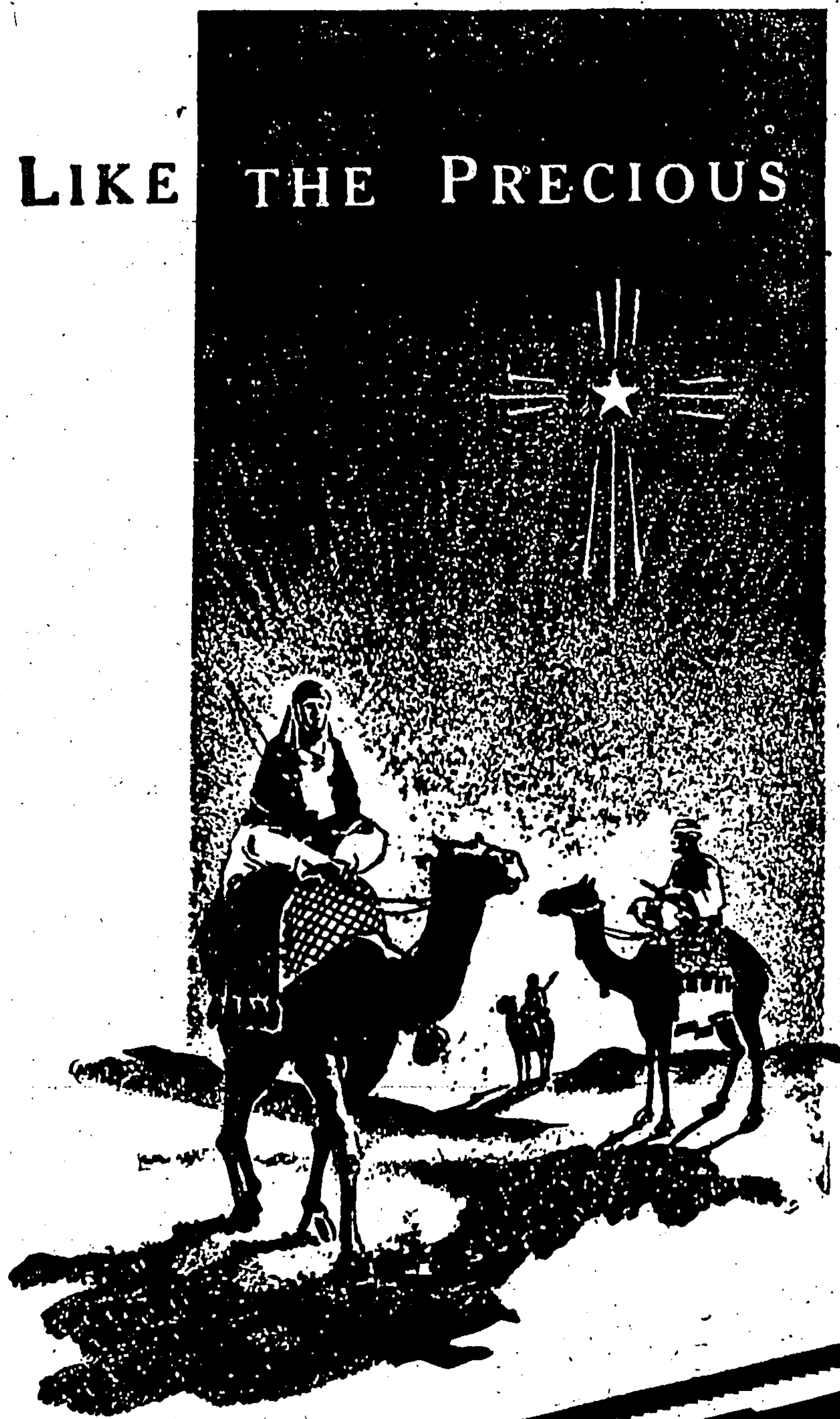
Australia is preparing thoroughly for the tour. A number of trials will be played by New South Wales, Victoria, and Queensland teams at Sydney, and these will be followed by final trials between Australia and the The Rest, and Australia versus combined teams.

W. H. PONSFORD'S NEW POST

Melbourne, December 8. W. H. Ponsford, the former Australian Test cricketer, has been appointed coach to Australia's M.C.C. — the Melbourne Cricket Club.

His new post will prevent his playing club cricket. Thus Ponsford, although only 38, has retired from the playing side of the game altogether, for he retired from big cricket several seasons ago.

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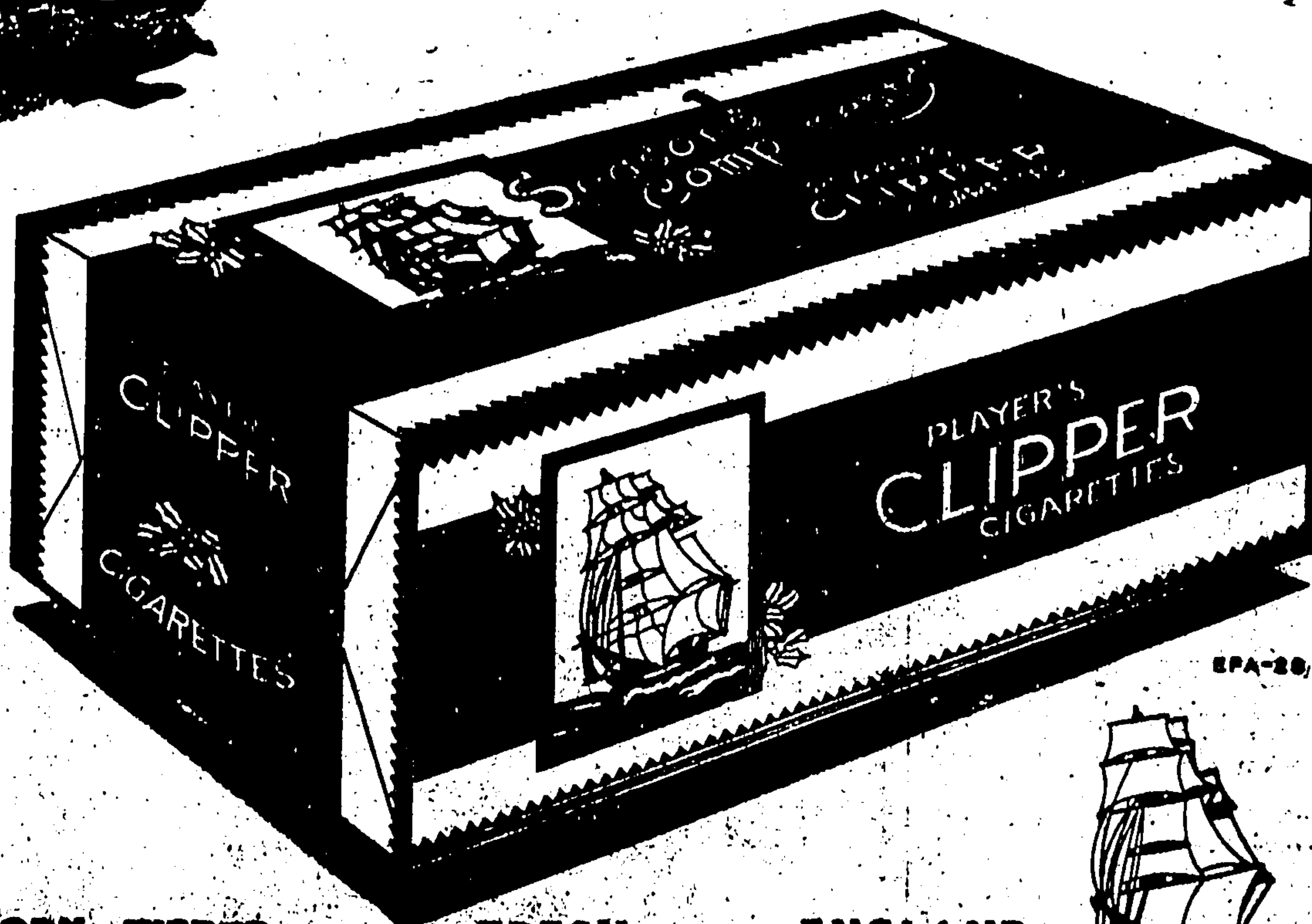


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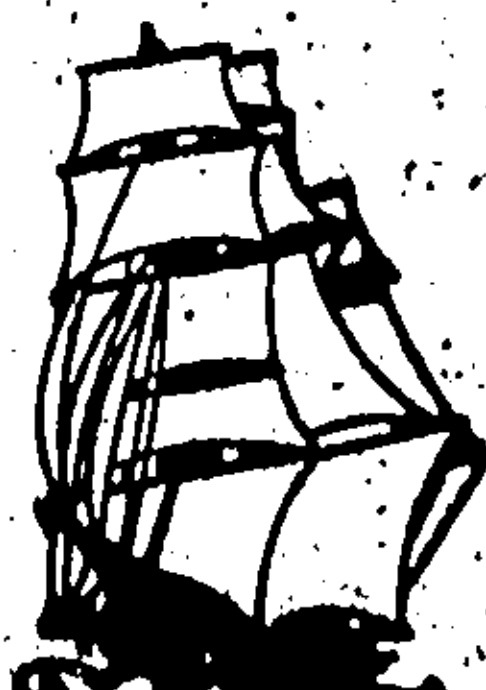
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Harvey Wins H'-Weight Title



CLUB IN STRONG POSITION

Army Faced With Prospect Of Following On

Club are in virtually an impregnable position against Army in the first match of the Triangular Tournament Cricket tournament.

Batting first they ran up the very respectable total of 293, to which T. A. Pearce, G. P. Longfield, and D. McLellan all made substantial contributions. The highlight of the match was a sixth wicket partnership of 137 between McLellan and Longfield.

Only Army bowler to meet with success was Capt. Godby who took 4 for 42.

Against the varied Club attack, Army were always struggling for runs and at close of play they had lost seven wickets for only 86 runs.

Play will be resumed this morning.

H.K.C.C.

L. T. Ride, run out	6
J. E. Richardson, b Hatfield	19
T. N. Pearce, lbw., Hatfield	64
F. H. Stokes, c Baker, b Hatfield	1
H. Owen Hughes, lbw., b Painter	1
G. P. Longfield, b Godby	73
D. McLellan, c Godby, b Swyers	63
R. H. Griffiths, a Man, b Godby	13
P. H. Scoones, b Godby	23
A. C. Beck, not out	1
K. Mackenzie, b Godby	0
Extras (B20, LB2, WB2, NB5)	29

Total 293

Bowling Analysis

	O.	M.	R.	W.
Patterson	8	1	40	0
Godby	11	0	42	4
Swyers	9	0	50	1
Hatfield	18	4	55	3
Painter	5	0	34	0
Baker	3	0	18	0
Lawrence	1	0	9	0
Logan	3	0	16	0

ARMY

Driver Logan, b Longfield	4
Cpl. Webb, c Pearce, b Beck	1
Lieut. C. McMan, c Longfield, b Owen Hughes	4
Capt. C. Godby, lbw., b Owen Hughes	32
Lieut. M. P. Weedon, b McLellan	25
Major Swyers, c and b McLellan	0
Sgt. Painter, not out	4
Major Baker, b McLellan	9
Capt. Lawrence, not out	4
Extras (B2, LB1)	3

Total (for 7 wks.) 86

Bowling Analysis

	O.	M.	R.	W.
Longfield	2	1	4	1
Owen Hughes	19	5	31	2
Beck	3	0	20	1
McLellan	15	4	28	3

BACHELORS WIN

At Happy Valley Craigengower Bachelors beat the Married Men by three wickets:—

Married 123 (U. M. Omar 29, W. K. Way 26 not out; A. K. Ismail 5 for 28).

Single 133 (A. Zimmern 33, A. T. Lee 28, A. K. Ismail 23 not out).

WIN EASILY

The Royal Navy beat Kowloon Cricket Club by five wickets on the former's ground:—

Kowloon 93 (N. A. E. Mackay 28; P. O. Paxton 5 for 18).

Navy 100 for 5 wickets (Lieut. Manners 30, Lt.-Comdr. Kennedy 38 not out).

NARROW VICTORY

Navy Juniors beat Kowloon Cricket Club Seconds in a thrilling finish on

Phillips Disqualified In Fourth Round

DRAMATIC END TO EXCITING FIGHT

((By AIR MAIL))

Len Harvey won the Heavy-Weight Championship of Great Britain for the second time in his career in a sensational fight against Eddie Phillips at Harringay Arena, London. The referee, Mr. Jack Smith, Manchester, disqualified Phillips in the fourth round for low hitting after he had been only a minute previously on the verge of being knocked out.

The announcement from the ring simply said that Phillips had been disqualified, but the referee intimated to a reporter afterwards that he had "disqualified Phillips for hitting low." Harvey is a dual champion, as he also holds the British cruiser-weight title.

It was easily one of Harvey's greatest performances. He outfought Phillips in every round, and was only deprived of the satisfaction of a knock-out victory by Phillips's disqualification.

From the point of view of excitement, it was the finest fight London has seen in the last few years, and on this form Harvey, despite his 31 years, is a great champion.

MEMORIAL SCENE

The scene at the finish will live long in memory. Harvey, who only a few minutes before had been smiling confidently as though victory were only a matter of time, sat huddled in his corner, doubled up in pain, while Phillips stood on the opposite side of the ring, his face flushed as he listened to the announcement that he had been disqualified. Immediately the announcement had finished, he walked over to Harvey, shook his hand, and then went back to his corner. Harvey, after submitting to treatment by his seconds, was well enough to be photographed as the new British champion, but he found it a difficult task to climb out of the ring and walk to his dressingroom, which he did to a crescendo of cheers.

Phillips left the ring shortly after Harvey, and was booed just as loudly as his conqueror had been cheered.

CROWDED WITH INCIDENTS
The cold, calculating, fighting machine which Harvey last night revealed

himself to be was too much for Phillips, who seemed to go wild when he found himself being badly punished and gradually punched into defeat.

From the first round, the fight was crowded with incidents. In the opening minute, Harvey split the thumb of his left glove and had to have it replaced before the second round.

As the bell rang for the second round, one of Phillips's seconds started to walk across the ring as if to make a protest, but he was quickly ordered out of the ring by the referee.

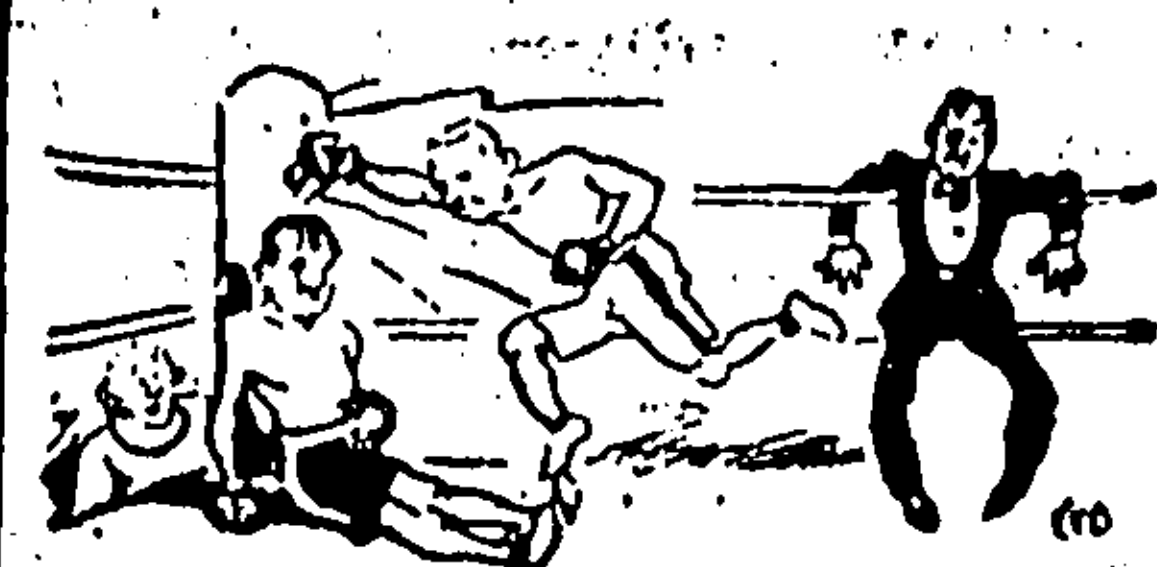
Harvey had boxed beautifully in the opening three minutes, but he had not given his admirers the impression that he would break out as he did in the second round. Phillips nearly stumbled during a clinch, and before he could recover his balance properly, Harvey seized the chance to whip in a magnificent left hook, which shook Phillips. Another equally smashing blow in the third round caught Phillips, and again he wilted, and three more successive hooks had him definitely in a bad way.

PHILLIPS GOES BESERK

Throwing away all semblance of restraint, Phillips suddenly lashed out, and, getting Harvey on the ropes, clubbed him at least half a dozen blows on the head, and was cautioned by the referee.

Then he bent his head and rushed at Harvey, who was as cool as ever in face of Phillips's onslaught, and in the fourth round he smashed in a perfectly-timed right to Phillips's jaw. Phillips's knees almost buckled under him, and, quickly turning, Harvey whipped in another left hook, which knocked Phillips halfway across the ring and then down.

Phillips shook his head in an effort



to regain his senses and got to his knees, but he stayed down for a count of nine. Harvey followed up at once, and gave Phillips a severe punishing in a neutral corner, but could not put him down again. Eventually, Phillips recovered some of his strength, and in a last desperate effort to stave off what looked like imminent defeat, he again hit out regardless of what might happen to him, and forced Harvey to the ropes.

CROWD IN UPROAR

The crowd were now in an uproar, but Harvey was the coolest man in the arena until he doubled up from a body punch which, he claimed, as a foul. Then his face registered anxiety and pain for the first time. The referee ignored his appeal, but only a matter of seconds later Harvey again doubled up, and this time went down. The referee was standing not more than two feet away from the men, and even before a count could start, he stepped in between them and ordered Phillips back to his corner, disqualifying him and declaring Harvey the winner.

HAD HIS MEASURE

This is the third time in four meetings that Harvey has conquered Phillips, and he gave the impression from the first moment that he knew he had Phillips's measure. Phillips's hesitancy and apprehension served to emphasise this view.

Harvey, accompanied by his trainer and his seconds, went to his dressing room, the doors of which were immediately closed to a large crowd of enthusiastic followers who had gone after him when he left the ring.

Harvey said later to a reporter:—"There was no doubt at all that Phillips hit me low. From the first round, I felt I was winning, for Eddie seemed to cover up and not want to fight."

WANT TO SAY—NOTHING!

"I call it unfortunate, not only because it hurt me, but also because it prevented me from doing what I felt quite capable of doing—finishing the fight either in that round or in the next."

Phillips lay on the bench in his dressing room a rather forlorn figure. Asked his impression of the contest, he began, "Well, I want to say . . ."

"Nothing," interjected his manager, Mr. Sam Russell, and Phillips finished, "Yes, nothing. Perhaps that is best."

"This is the first time Phillips has been disqualified," added Mr. Russell.

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12.30 p.m.—Jack Hylton & His Orchestra.

Grinzing (Benatzky); Sweet Sue (Young); The Fleet's In Port Again—Fox-Trot (from 'O-Kay for Sound'); Free — Fox-Trot (from 'O-Kay for Sound'); Have You Forgotten So Soon—Waltz; Did You Mean It—Fox-Trot; Drinking Songs (arr. Williams).

1 p.m.—Local Time Signal and Weather Report.

1.03 p.m.—Reginald Dixon at the Organ
Blaze Away—March (Holzmann); Down The Mall (Bolton); Bells Across The Meadow (Ketelbey); Mississippi—Film Selection (Rodgers); Naughty Marietta—Film Selection (Herbert).

1.18 p.m.—Ivor Moreton & Dave Kaye on Two Pianos.
Kitten On The Keys; Russian Rag; Nola; Polly; Fox-Trot Medley... with string bass and drums.

1.30 p.m.—Reuter and Rugby Press, Weather Forecast and Announcements.

1.40 p.m.—Dance Music.

Fox-Trots—That Song In My Heart (from 'The Gang Show'); With A Twinkle In Your Eye (from 'The Gang Show').....Jack Hylton & His Orchestra.

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Tangos—Eternal Sun; Golden Stars.....Heinz Huppertz & His Orch.

Fox-Trots — A Melody For Two (film); September In The Rain (from 'A Melody for Two').....Jack Hylton & His Orchestra.

2.15 p.m.—Close down.

6 p.m.—Relay of the Dance Orchestra from the Roof Garden of the Hong Kong Hotel.

(a) Half Moon on the Hudson; (b) Mocking Bird; (c) Sweet as a Song; (d) Oh! Boom.

6.14 p.m.—Record: Elfriede (Swift); La Capricciosa (Reis)..... George Swift (Trumpet) with Piano.

6.21 p.m.—(a) To-night will live; (b) Lady be good; (c) This is my night to dream; (d) A-tisket, A-tasket.

6.35 p.m.—Records: Popular Melodies.....Harold Ramsay (Organ).
Dance Of The Raindrops (Evans).....Rudy Starita (Xylophone).

6.44 p.m.—(a) Solitude; (b) Caravan; (c) Blues in 'E' Flat; (d) Doin' the Suzi-Q.

7 p.m.—London Relay—The Bugginses Christmas Party by Mabel Constanduros. All the family will be present — Grandma, Mrs. Buggins, Father, Alfie, and Emma. Invitations have also been sent to Mrs. Guppy, Miss Evans, Mr. Toovey, 'Arold, Uncle Joe and the children. Songs—Games—Presents — Refreshments. Mabel Constanduros will preside, assisted by Gladys Young, Frederick Burtwell, Richard Goolden, Stuart Robertson, John Rorke, and John Valentine.

7.45 p.m.—Comedy Harmonists.
Love Me A Little To-day (Brodszky); Congo Lullaby (film 'Sanders of the River'); Now We'll Drink Just One More (Schwabach).....with Piano accompaniment.

How Can It Be (Folk Song); Must I Then (Folk Song).....with Piano (Sung in German).

8 p.m.—Local Time Signal, Weather Report and Announcements.

8.03 p.m.—Edith Lorand's Orchestra and The Hill Billies.

Gipsy Love—Overture (Lehar); Vivat Hungaria (Kalman).....Edith Lorand & Her Viennese Orchestra.

Home On The Range (arr. Ted & Ezra); Moonlight On The Prairie (film).....The Hill Billies with Their Own Novelty Accompaniment.

Waves of the Danube—Waltz (Ivanovici); The Last Waltz (Strauss).....Edith Lorand Orchestra.

The Trail Of The Lonesome Pine (from the film).....The Hill Billies with Their Own Novelty Accompaniment.

My Dream — Waltz (Waldteufel); Aubade D'Amour (Monti).....Edith Lorand & Her Viennese Orchestra.

8.35 p.m.—London Relay—'Arry And Liza in Cockney Cameos.

8.45 p.m.—London Relay—'Macabre', A programme of uncanny stories overheard at the fireside. 'Mansions' by C. V. Phillips. Characters: Sir Ronald Linley, Martin Sherbrooke, The Girl, 'The Open Window' by Saki; 'Thursday Evening' by E. F. Benson; Characters: Mrs. Georgiana Wallace, A Guest, Another Guest, Humphrey Lodge, Julia Lodge. The programme devised and produced by Felix Felton.

9.30 p.m.—London Relay—The News.

9.50 p.m.—Compositions of Elgar including his "Crown of India" Suite.

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Queen Mary's Song; Like To The Damask Rose.....Light Symphony Orchestra cond. by Haydn Wood.

Triumphal March (from 'Caractacus', Op. 35).....London Symphony Orchestra cond. by Lawrence Collingwood.

10.20 p.m.—Songs by Paul Robeson (Bass).

No! John No! (Sharp).....with Piano accomp. by Lawrence Brown.

My Way (film 'Jericho'); Golden River (film 'Jericho').....with Orchestra and Chorus.

10.30 p.m.—London Relay — Musical Games for all children under a hundred. Devised by Reginald Burston and compered by Martyn C. Webster. The Midland Revue Orchestra. Leader, Norris Stanley. Conductor, Reginald Burston. Have your pencils and paper ready.

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♦ A Q 9 5
♣ Q J 9 6 8
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1♠	Pass	3♦	Pass
3♠	Pass	4♦	Pass
4♥	Pass	6♦	Pass
Pass	Pass		

Let us consider the bidding: South's opening bid of one diamond was of course correct, and we find no quarrel with West's overcall of one spade. North's jump to three diamonds was quite sound. And now East decided to make what he thought was a nuisance bid—hence the three hearts. All this bid served to do, however, was to encourage South, who now felt certain that his Ace-Queen of hearts meant no heart losers. Hence South was emboldened to cue-bid in spades and later in his other suit, hearts; whereupon North naturally jumped to the Small Slam.

Of course if East had passed (as we think he should have done), or merely raised his partner's spades in the event that he felt compelled to bid, North and South might still have bid the Slam. But East with the pointless three-heart bid had made it particularly easy for them. (Copyright, 1938, By The Four Aces)

What's On At the Cinemas

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Jerusalem, To-day.

A Jewish carpenter named Jacob Silber was fatally shot by an unknown Arab gunman at Jerusalem to-day.

Mr. Edward Keith-Roach, District Commissioner at Jerusalem was the first to reach the scene of the outrage, his car arriving at the spot two minutes after the attack.

The gunman had already disappeared and Mr. Keith-Roach took Silber to hospital.

Arabs are believed to have captured a British bank manager, Mr. Louis Le Bouvier, in the afternoon. An Air Force armoured car patrol found his car abandoned on the road from Jerusalem to Jericho.—Reuter.

ARAB ASSASSINATED

Jerusalem, To-day.

Despite the fact that an unofficial truce had been declared in Palestine during Christmas, news had reached here of a further series of incidents.

Much consternation has been caused by the report of the

assassination of Assen Nashashibi, well-known Arab who is cousin of the leader of the Arab opposition party which is seeking to come to an understanding with England.

In Jerusalem a British police constable was shot dead.

Clashes also occurred in Haifa and Nazareth.—Trans-Ocean.

"FREDDIE" KAUFMAN PASSES

Shanghai, To-day.

Freddie Kaufman, manager of the Cathay Hotel night club, died last night at the age of 49.—Reuter.

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Moscow, To-day.

Following agreement reached between the Soviet Russian and Italian governments regarding closing down of the former Soviet Russian consulate general in Milan and the Italian consulate general in Odessa, consular relations between the two countries have now been completely suspended.

A short paragraph appears in the Moscow newspapers saying that complete suspension of consular relations between the Soviet Union and Italy has occurred as the outcome of diplomatic talks.—Trans-Ocean.

The dispute between 700 employees and the management of the Chung Hwa Book Factory at Matakok has been settled, the "China Mail" learns—authoritatively this morning.

It is learned that the Company has agreed to recall the 69 employees whose dismissal caused the disagreement between employees and employers.

CHEN KUNG-PO'S VISIT TO HANOI

(Continued from page 1)

The Chinese Government it is reported will put twenty million dollars at the disposal of the commission in order to further exploitation of the resources of the southwestern provinces which are gaining growing economic importance as the centre of military operations shift towards South and West.—Trans-Ocean.

CHEN KUNG-PO SEEKING AN INTERVIEW

Chungking, To-day.

Mr. Chen Kung-po, close associate of Mr. Wang Ching-wei, left Chengtu yesterday en route to Hanoi to interview Mr. Wang, according to Chinese press reports.

The reports add: "In view of his inability to return immediately to Chengtu, he requested Mr. Huang Chung-tsiang, to act on his behalf and to direct Szechuen Kuomintang affairs."—Reuter.

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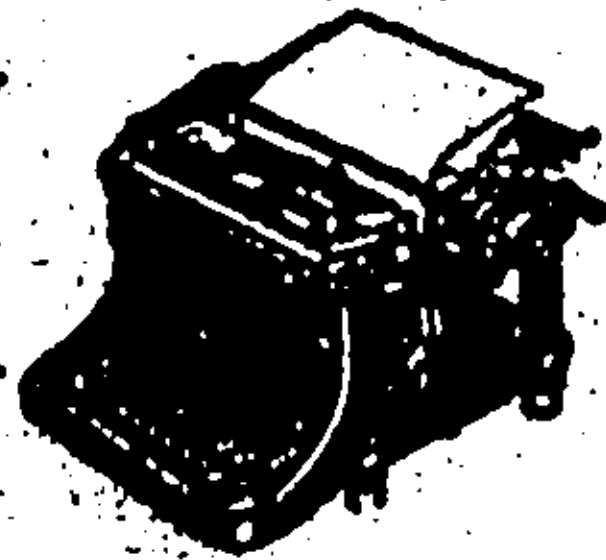
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